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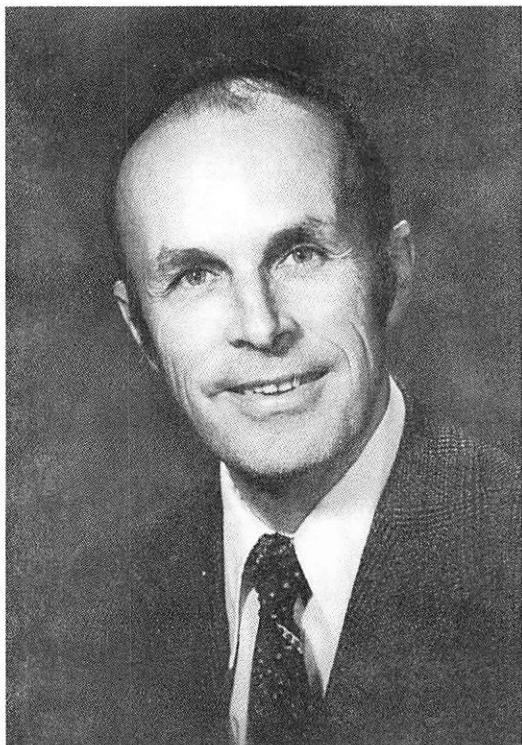
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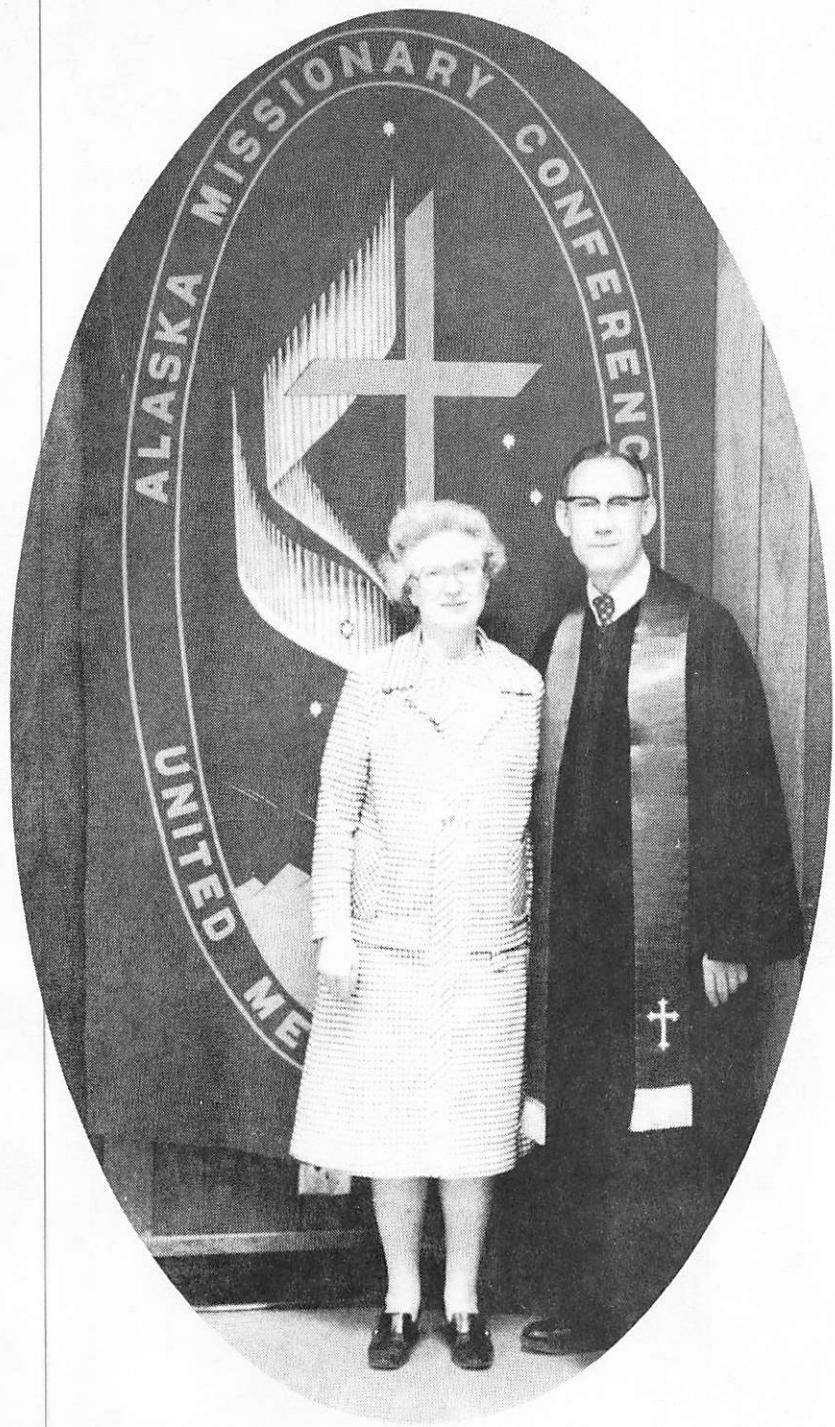
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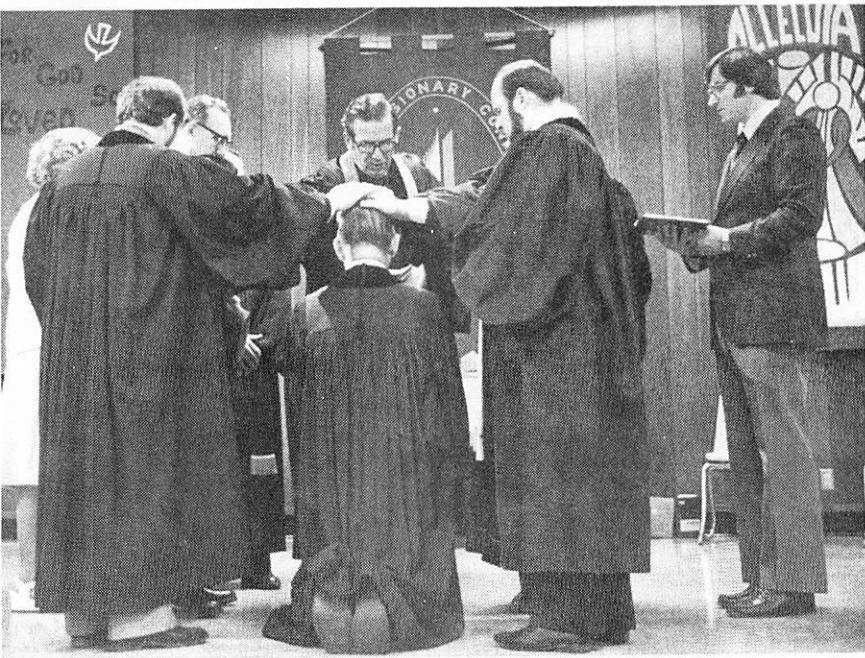


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David Collins	Jim Kolb	Bob Smay
Max Cramer	Glenn Kulukhon	Lori Staats
Cherie Darrow	Sally Lowery	Ed Stanton
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Larry Bennett, Lay Leader	
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Sally Lowery, Chairperson, Equitable Salaries Committee	

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Keith Wise	

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a. Alaska Children's Services

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b. Nome Community Center

Marion Gotschall, Revele Roach

c. Birchwood Camp

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e. Wesleyen Nursing Home

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IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Note: Actions of the Annual Conference reported as recommendations from a Conference Agency, and/or recommendations reported through the General Committees, Standing Committees and Boards, are contained as amended or corrected in the report section of this Journal.

THURSDAY JUNE 15, 1978

The Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church convened in the Church of the New Covenant, Kenai, Alaska, for its seventh Annual Conference, representing the 74th anniversary of organized United Methodist work in Alaska. Registration, meetings of the Committee on Nomination, Reference and Counsel, and lay members' session took place prior to the first session.

A. Opening Session, Memorial and Communion Service

The Conference was called to order by Bishop Jack M. Tuell as the Conference sang the hymn "And Yet Are We Alive". The Scripture Hebrews 11: 32-12: 2 was read by Bishop Tuell. The Conference Secretary (Pro tem.), Keith Wise, read the Roll Call of the Deceased. The hymn "For All the Saints" was sung as a remembrance of all who have served faithfully and now rest from their labors. Bishop Tuell's sermon "We Can Dream Because We Can Remember" included memories from the lives of Bishop A. Raymond Grant and Bishop Everett Palmer. These men and many other Christians in Alaska have given to us a memory to form a bridge from the past to the future. The celebration of the Lord's Supper was our remembrance of Christ in our midst and our hope for the future. The service concluded with the singing of the hymn "Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken."

Following a brief recess, the Conference began the first session. Ac Wischmeier moved that the bar of the Conference be within the pews of the sanctuary; it was seconded and carried. Ac Wischmeier made the nomination of Keith B. Wise to be elected to fill the office of the Conference Secretary. The motion carried and the Secretary was elected. Ac announced that LeRoy Davis and Melinda McKee were nominated as the Courtesy Committee. After the approval of the motion, the Committee presented corsages to Annamaray DeWitt, Marji Tuell, Blythe Stanton and Irene Wischmeier. Arthur Knight presented "care packages" of home-canned salmon and jelly to these guests. The Conference hosts were introduced: Arthur and LuDean Knight, Dennis and Susie Holway and Mel Vostry. Arthur Knight introduced Mrs. Hazel Graves (former missionary to Unga, Alaska,) and his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Knight. Ac introduced Greg and Barbara Eicher and Claude Klaver who arrived in

Alaska after the last Conference session. He introduced Jim and Chris Buffington and Dan and Debbie Amerson as new Conference families. Dee McNabb was recognized and welcomed to the session after her recent recovery from serious illness. The youth delegates from CCYM were introduced: Phil Robison, CCYM President, Kurt Luttermann and Cherie Darrow. Ruby Lea DiBlasio and Mildred Erickson were introduced by Bishop Tuell. Ruby Lea is the manager of the Circuit Rider Book Store display. Priscilla Ringenburg, deaconess, was introduced along with two candidates for the ministry: Ann Weld and David Collins. Recognition was given to David Fison for the creation of the banner bearing the name of the Conference. Ac acknowledged the service of Roger and Mary Thompson and noted that they have moved to their new appointment at Tualatin, Oregon. Bruce and Kathy Bartel were presented with a gift from the Conference. The Bartels terminate their relationship with the AMC and are moving to Appleton, Wisconsin. Greetings were received from Harry Komuro, Mrs. Everett Palmer, Bishop Maynard Sparks, Bishop Golden and the Pacific and Southwest Conferences, Bishop Marvin Stuart and the California-Nevada Annual Conference. Ralph and Miriam Kleen sent greetings. The secretary was instructed to send Conference greetings to the above named.

Bishop Tuell presented Ac Wischmeier with a check in the amount of \$136.94 from the United Methodist Publishing House for the pension fund.

Rev. Ac Wischmeier gave his ninth and final Mission Superintendent's Report from the perspective of his superintendency since 1969. The Conference gave a standing ovation for his excellent report.

After lunch, Mary Lou Hollett, CCOM Coordinator, gave the Council on Ministries report for the past year.

B. Council on Finance and Administration

Barbara Shaffer, President of the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA), gave an overview of the printed finance reports and answered questions concerning CFA. The Committee on Reference and Counsel report was presented by Larry Bennett. He moved that Section 4, page 9, in the Pre-Conference Handbook (PCH) be amended to read "The Missionary Conference Lay Leader, the President of the United Methodist Women, the President of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) and two (2) youth delegates shall be members of the Annual Missionary Conference. The youth delegates shall be selected by the CCYM and shall have been members of the United Methodist Church for one year." The motion was seconded and carried. Page 11, Section 5, "Commissions" changed to "Committees"; Section 5a, under Discipleship, the word "ordained" added to read "Board of Ordained Ministry." Page 12, Section 6e, amended to read "The reports and work of the following Missionary Conference groups are not reported through the General Committees: Committee on Reference and Counsel, Annual Conference Planning, Council on Ministries, the Board of Diaconal Ministry, General Conference Petitions, Board of the Ordained Ministry, the Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency, and special committees." Page 13, g, "Commission" changed to "Committee"; h, changed the membership on the Council on Finance and Administration from six to five members under lay representation and from five to four members under clergy representation. These items were approved as amended.

The report of the Equitable Salary Committee was given by Sally Lowery. A preliminary report on salaries based on "real salary earned" concept developed by Har-

old Sedrel, consultant on clergy salaries, was presented. From a directive of the 1977 Conference, the committee reported on a study of self-support for the Alaska Missionary Conference. A graph prepared by Glenn Simpson was presented for discussion.

General Committees met during the afternoon and early evening. A reception for Bishop and Marji Tuell, and Bishop and Annamaray DeWitt was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Everson.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1978

The AMC convened at the Kenai Church of the New Covenant with Rev. Robert McNabb as worship leader. Bishop Jesse DeWitt spoke from the text John 1. The Conference was called to order by Bishop Tuell. Ed Stanton conveyed greetings from the following individuals or families: Rev. and Mrs. David Blackburn, Mrs. Richard Decker, Rev. and Mrs. Jim Fellers, Rev. and Mrs. Meredith Groves, Rev. and Mrs. Reeves Havens, Mr. Richard Heacock, Rev. and Mrs. Hillas Slaymaker, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Gene Walters, Mrs. Walter Warner, Rev. Miss Grace Weaver, Rev. and Mrs. Owen Beatles, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Kleen, Mr. George Roseberry. Greetings were read from Bishop Choy. Barbara Banta reported on her attendance at the National Law of the Sea Conference and the Alaska Conference on the Law of the Sea.

C. Historical Society Report

Bea Sheperd and Claudia Kelsey presented a very informative dialogue on the history of the United Methodist work in Alaska.

D. Discipleship

LeRoy Davis presented the report of the Discipleship Committee. The following recommendations in the Pre-Conference Handbook (PCH) were proposed: PCH, p. 44 sections 1,2 and 3 were accepted as printed. Section 4, delete "and the purchase of new AV cabinet for storage of filmstrips." This was approved. Section 5e, delete the phrase "and the Chairperson a member of the Annual Meeting." Ac moved the addition of "and the Chairperson made a guest of the Annual Conference session with expenses of travel and entertainment be made a part of the cost of the Conference, beginning with this Conference of 1978." The motion carried. Larry Bennett moved to amend this section by deleting "Historical Society be set up as a separate society." The amendment was approved by a voice vote. Sections 6, 7 were withdrawn; p. 45, section 8e, delete items 1 and 2. Section 8e, 3, amend to read: "A goal of \$600.00 will be raised in the local youth groups to be allocated 50% to the Youth service fund and 50% to the CCYM administration." This was adopted and referred to CFA and the CCYM for certification and approval. Section 9, add "requests" after Council on Ministry and change the date from 1978 to 1979. Section 10 deferred; a motion was made to recommend that "the COM appoint a Campus Ministry sub-committee under Discipleship to determine how the AMC can contribute to the programming and funding of campus ministry at Fairbanks and Anchorage and report to the next Annual Conference." This motion was approved. The Discipleship Committee recommended that \$5,375.00 be added to 1979 AMC budget to be divided \$3,000.00 to the University Community Ministry, Anchorage, and \$2,375.00 to the United Campus

Ministry, Fairbanks. The motion was made to approve the recommendation and to refer the approved motion to CFA for budget financing. Section 10 referred to the Discipleship Sub-committee on Campus Ministry as established by the above motion.

A fifteen minute recess was declared by the Bishop. After the recess, the additional proposals of the Discipleship Committee were distributed. The first recommendation was "that the office of Chairperson of Camping be changed to Chairperson of Outdoor Ministries, with the Chairperson elected by the Conference upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The responsibilities of the Chairperson shall be to promote outdoor Christian Education and Ministry, and to encourage program offerings to reach the needs of youth and other age groups." This motion was seconded and carried. The second recommendation stated "The Hope Church Property Committee include at least one representative selected by the Birchwood Board of Directors, one representative from the Kenai Peninsula and one representative from the greater Anchorage area to be nominated by the Nominating Committee." This motion was approved.

E. Global Ministries

Max Cramer presented the Global Missions report with reference to p. 46, PCH, sections 1,2 and 3 approved as printed. Section 4, after National Division, add "Advance Special"; after per capita, add a new sentence, "It is suggested that local churches of the AMC adopt Advance Special projects of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference as their special concern in the National Division." Approved as amended. Section 5, as printed; section 6, this is section 7 in PCH. Section 7, "That the offering (\$237.81) received at the Memorial Communion service be sent to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference in honor of the Red Bird Missionary Conference. One hunger project of the 28 approved projects with the U.S. is at the Nome Senior Citizens Center, for \$8,540.00"

Bill Trudeau presented the Native Ministry report. John Shaffer was given the floor to report on the work of Norman Shawchuck, consultant with the Nome Church, as a special project of the Board of Discipleship. Bill Trudeau reported that Mr. Shawchuck met with the Anchorage Area Native Ministries Committee. Native Ministry report, p. 46, PCH, section 1, add "and Conference Religion and Race Committee." The report was accepted as amended.

F. Comprehensive Evangelism Program

Bill Trudeau presented the Comprehensive Evangelism Plan for the AMC as found on p. 46, PCH. Sections 1 and 2 accepted as printed. Section 3a, changed to read: "That every congregation develop programs for sharing the redemptive love of God in Christ through caring relationships with non-members; for the recovering of non-participating members; and the deepening of the spiritual lives of all members." Section 4b, 3, change all members to Church members. Section 4c, 3, withdrawn. Section 5a, 2, change "implement" to "initiate" and change the date to October 31, 1978. The Comprehensive Plan for Evangelism for the AMC was adopted as amended.

Bob Smay gave the report on Church Extension. Claude Klaver reported on the status of the new church at North Pole - the New Hope United Methodist-Presbyterian Church. Bishop Tuell presented Claude Klaver, pastor, and Walter Shepherd, lay

delegate, a Certificate of Organization for the New Hope Church. John Garvin spoke on the work of the Bayshore Community United Methodist Church, Anchorage. The recommendation from the Committee was to delete the items on page 49, PCH, and substitute "to undertake the Church Extension Financial Campaign in the fall of 1980." An amendment was made to change the date from 1980 to 1979. The amendment and motion were approved. The noontime prayer was given and Conference recessed for lunch.

Sally Lowery moved that an Ad Hoc Church Extension Committee be established by the Council on Ministries who will select four clergy and four lay members. Responsibilities are to: (1) Survey the potential church extensions directions; (2) Report on the best potential areas at the 1979 Annual Conference through the Global Ministries General Committee; and (3) Meet twice prior to the 1979 Conference with expenses to be borne by receipts from the campaign. The motion was approved. LeRoy Davis presented a working paper on the Alaska Builder's Club Proposal. This was referred by motion to the Global Ministries Committee and CFA for study.

Marion Gotschall, President of the Conference United Methodist Women, reported for the UMW. She urged more cooperation between the Conference officers and the local units. Study materials are available for local unit studies. Due to the high cost of travel there will not be a large statewide school of missions but several smaller regional meetings. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Committee on Global Ministries work cooperatively with the UMW to establish regional educational events for 1979. Mel Vostry reported as a worker-priest in the North Kenai Church. The local church has accepted the full support of his salary beginning September 1, 1978. The Global Ministries accepted the recommendation of Paul Jewell that the Conference request the CCOM to facilitate the study of the feasibility of relating our World Service Apportionments to a nationally recognized inflation factor. This study is to be reported to the 1979 Conference session. The motion was approved.

G. Church and Society Report

Committee recommendations: On p. 16, PCH, add the words "and Ridge View" following Institution. On p. 42, PCH, under Hunger Task Force, add the words "be retained" after Commission in the second line. Paragraph 2 be replaced with "That the Hunger Task Force be encouraged to evaluate subsistence hunting and fishing and sensitize local churches to issues involved. Subsistence hunting and fishing is a part of the cultural makeup of the Native peoples of Alaska. This lifestyle is currently threatened by a number of forces outside the AMC area. The International Whaling Commission, the pending HR 39 legislation and environmental pressures must deal with the survival of renewable resources, non-renewable resources and endangered species." Strike paragraph 3 on p. 42, PCH. Paragraph 4 is replaced with 2 of the work sheet. Paragraph 5 is replaced with "We recognize that Barbara Banta has been trained in the area of the Law of the Sea and we recommend that local churches avail themselves of her expertise." The report was accepted as corrected.

H. Status and Role of Women

The report was accepted with one addition under section 2, p. 43, PCH: "a. To accomplish this, churches and individuals are urged to recommend names to the Nominating Committee." PCH, p. 43, items 4, 5, 6 and 7 are accepted with the addition of

the words "and Ridge View" added after Institutions. The Law of the Sea, ERA Extension, and Disarmament Petitions were approved as presented. The Native Claims Settlement recommendation submitted by David Fison was accepted. The resolution on endorsing the Alaska Family Sex Education Week Basic Policy Statement was approved.

Bill Trudeau moved "that the AMC commend John Shaffer, the churches and the concerned citizens of Nome for their action in relation to alcohol abuse and alcohol related problems. We further commend John Shaffer for his commitment of personal resources in the development of a proposed city ordinance and personal commitment to assist the community in not mis-directing the issue toward simplistic answers to a complicated issue. We further commend Julie Isaacs for her work, and the support of the churches in Juneau and Douglas in getting a city ordinance for shortening the hours that bars can be open during the week in the city and borough of Juneau." The motion for these commendations was approved and the Conference Secretary was instructed to send the commendations to the papers of Nome and Juneau. The Conference Secretary was directed to write a letter of greeting to the East Pennsylvania Conference and Bishop James Ault and a letter to Ruth Warner expressing condolences.

I. Youth Report

The youth report of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries was presented by Phil Robison. Phil reported on the CCYM changes in CCYM Constitution. Due to the timing of the Youth Convocation and the Annual Conference, the by-law requirements were not met for constitutional changes. Bishop Tuell ruled that with unanimous consent from the Conference, he would permit the CCYM and Conference to make the necessary changes in the CCYM Constitution. The following changes were approved by vote: Article 6, delete Missionary Conference and substitute with "Spring CCYM Meeting." Article XII, delete the last line which reads "Any amendments must be proposed in writing to all churches no later than thirty days prior to the annual meeting of CCYM". By-Laws, p. 3, Meetings. Delete the word "just" in first sentence. By-Laws, p. 4, Election of Officers, paragraph 3, delete the section beginning with the words "Nominating Committee" and the next three sentences. Substitute with the words "the CCYM membership." By-Laws, p. 4 paragraph 4, amended to read: "New officers shall take office following the adjournment of the annual spring meeting of the CCYM. Paragraph 6, delete "only" in first sentence. Add a new sentence at the end which reads "CCYM Officers and AMC delegates may not be elected while in their last year of high school." Paragraph 7, delete the third sentence. Paragraph 8, amended to read "Two alternate delegates shall also be elected at the annual spring CCYM meeting." By-Laws, p. 6, Finances, paragraph 2, last sentence after the Adult Advisor, amended to read: "and the General Committee of Discipleship Conference Chairperson." Paragraph 4, substitute "Conference Superintendent" for "District Superintendent." The CCYM report was then accepted as amended.

Bishop Tuell acknowledged Father Jim Cobb and noted that he is a voting delegate of the United Campus Minstry, Fairbanks. Father Cobb is the first Roman Catholic who has been a voting delegate of the AMC sessions.

J. Native Culture and Land Claims

Native Culture and Land Claims Settlement Task Force report was given by Lydia Hays. This is the study theme of the Conference for the coming year. Lydia gave a historical report on the development of the Native Land Claims Settlement. Copies of the booklet prepared by Lydia were distributed to the Conference for use in the local church. Mr. Frank Haldane, a member of the Tsimshian Indian Tribe gave a report on his cultural heritage. Roger and Olive Robison have made native art work available for study and display in local churches. David Fison shared his poem and carving of the Christmas Totem Pole. David presented a copy of the totem and poem to Bishop and Marji Tuell. The Conference was dismissed for the evening meal.

FRIDAY EVENING

An informal worship service was led by Don Hartman. As a part of the Conference hunger emphasis, Bishop Tuell introduced the hunger project of the Oregon-Idaho Conference with the filmstrip "Christ - The Only Hope." A copy of the filmstrip will be available through the Conference AV library. This audio-visual presented the need of Nicaragua. Marge Wooster reported on the hunger projects in Alaska and other areas. Bishop DeWitt, President of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries, shared with the Conference the historical development of the National Division and its broadening concerns of the division and its ministries. He noted that the Board seeks to expand at the same time it has a declining income and is facing a spiraling inflation. Ac Wischmeier presented Bishop and Mrs. DeWitt with a copy of the Christmas Totem Pole and poem.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1978

The morning devotions were led by the Conference Lay Leader, Larry Bennett. Bishop DeWitt preached from the text of Matthew 25. Bishop Tuell called the Conference to order at 9:20 a.m. Bob and Beverly Bowers were introduced to the Conference. The Committee on Global Ministries presented Bishop Tuell with a freshly caught salmon. Bishop Tuell requested that Bishop DeWitt take the chair until he could take care of the fish (and his hands.)

The proposal of the Alaska Builder's Club was presented. After discussion, Jack Townshend moved to refer this proposal to the Capital Funds Crusade Committee to implement the Club if the proposal works into the total Crusade proposal.

The recommendation concerning the World Service Apportionment which was referred to the Global Ministries Committee was presented. Ac moved to amend the motion to read "We recommend to the CFA, with consultation with the CCOM, to facilitate a study of the impact of inflation on the World Service Apportionment and giving and suggest a means for the AMC to adjust its World Service giving to compensate for the annual inflation." The amendment was approved and the amended motion carried by vote of the Conference. Ac acknowledged Mary Lou Hollett for her dedication as the office secretary and for completing the many details of the Conference before and during this session.

K. Lay Activities and Temporal Economy

This report was presented by Roland Stanton. The Dental and Medical Program report on p. 25, PCH, was approved. The question of eligibility for coverage for those over 65 was referred to Ed Stanton for further study. The Stewardship Cultivation reports on pp. 25 and 50, PCH, were accepted as printed. The Lay Leader's report was presented for approval with the following changes: Page 50, PCH, section 3, was amended to read "Results of this survey should be made available to local churches." The report was approved as amended. The Board of Pensions report (pp. 50-53, PCH) was presented and line 10 on p. 53 was amended by substituting "month" for "Sunday." This report was accepted as amended. LeRoy Davis presented the Leadership Education report on p. 53, PCH with the recommendation that section 1 be withdrawn and sections 2 and 3 approved as printed. The motion was made and carried to accept the report as changed. The recommendations of the Council on Ministries were accepted and approved by vote. The report of the Committee on Episcopacy and Superintendency was approved. The Equitable Salaries Committee recommendations were as follows: (1) Subsidy requests for Homer, Sitka, Nome and Seward. This was approved by motion; (2) Base salary increase to \$11,200.00. This was accepted by voice vote; (3) A raise in the cost of living allowance by an additional 2%. This recommendation was not accepted by the Lay Activities General Committee and was therefore deleted. This portion of the Equitable Salaries Committee's report was approved as corrected with proper changes to be made on pp. 56 and 57 of the PCH.

A motion was made to receive the report on the Self-Sufficiency of the AMC as presented by Sally Lowery. This report projects the time line and income and expenses of the Conference from 1978 to 1984, which is the projected date for total self-support. The motion was amended by Jack Townshend that "we urge the CFA and ESC to use the data in this report as guidelines for developing the financial ministry of the Alaska Missionary Conference." The amendment was approved and the report as amended carried. A recommendation to review a plan to group all pastors' salaries into a conference fund handled through the Conference office was referred to the Equitable Salary Committee. The plan for the sale of the Anchorage duplex and the proceeds to be used for the purchase of the Bayshore West (Campbell Lake) property was approved.

L. Council on Finance and Administration

Barbara Shaffer, President of the Council on Finance and Administration presented the budget for 1979. She presented the items of referral to CFA: (1) Concurrence was given to the CCYM for the goal to raise \$600.00 of their funds. This motion to concur and the line item changes were accepted as presented; (2) United Campus Ministry - The CFA recommends adding \$2,375.00 on the general apportionments for 1979 and adding \$3,000.00 to the Mission Sharing Fund apportionments for 1979. This motion was approved and line item changes were accepted as presented. CFA accepted the recommendation from the floor to make the Campus Ministry line items more visible in the budget for 1979. The Ministerial Education Fund should be added to line 9 on p. 2 of the Preliminary Budget Reports as a result of action of the Conference. A motion to approve the 1979 budget as amended was accepted. It was moved that section 11, p. 2, PBR, have the words "continue to" deleted. The motion carried. The Council accepted as a part of its report the recommendation from the floor that the campus ministries salaries are requested to be listed in the Journal with all other salaries. A motion was made to accept the recommendations of CFA

on p. 2, PBR, as amended. The motion carried. The CFA concurs with the referral concerning the proposal that the Alaska Builder's Club shall be taken into consideration by the Crusade Committee. A motion was made that the Conference Secretary write a letter of appreciation to the Travelers Insurance Company for their cooperation in the medical insurance plan with the conference.

Dr. Glenn Olds reported on the updates of Alaska Methodist University. Priscilla Ringenburg presented the Board of Diaconal Ministry report. The report is to be changed on p. 27, PCH, paragraph 3, by adding "under appointment" following "Missionaries." The report was approved as amended. LeRoy Davis moved "that all actions of this Annual Conference which direct comment, position, encouragement, protest or endorsement to agencies, government, persons or churches be communicated by the Conference Secretary to these agencies, governments, persons or churches." The motion carried. David Fison gave the report on the Board of Ordained Ministry as found on p. 44, PCH. Paragraph 9a was interpreted as urging and not requiring. This was approved. Paragraph 9b was approved as printed and paragraph 9c was corrected by changing the date from 1978 to 1979. David reported that David Collins and Anne Weld have been approved by the Board of Ministry as candidates for the ministry. This report was accepted as amended.

The Committee on Nomination, Reference and Counsel recommended these changes in Section 4 of the white hand-out sheets for Rules of the Conference: (a) Change Mission to Missionary Conference wherever this is used; and (b) Delete from line 2, section 4, "for Mission-wide appeals for financial support for special causes." These recommendations were approved by vote.

Larry Bennett moved that the symbol of the Alaska Missionary Conference on the displayed banner designed by David Fison and repeated on the left half of the 1978 Conference badge be adopted as the official logo of the Alaska Missionary Conference. The motion carried. Larry moved that the CCOM recommendations printed on p. 53 of the the 1978 PCH be approved. The motion carried. Larry moved that the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all new and and recertified lay speakers be printed in the 1978 Journal. The motion carried.

John Garvin gave a brief report of Alaska Children's Services and expressed his appreciation for the support of the AMC and its churches. Jack Townshend reported on the work of the United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks, and that the Board looks with confidence upon the program and leadership of Rev. Chuck Young as the new director. John Shaffer reported on the Nome Community Center and its expanding programs for children, youth and adults. The senior citizens program has become a model program for the centers within the state of Alaska. The proceeds from the sale of the hospital is designated for a new community center and the Board looks with anticipation for construction.

M. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee report was given by Rev. Ac Wischmeier, Chairperson. Jack Townshend withdrew his name from the CFA. Larry Bennett nominated Walter Shepherd, North Pole, to a one-year term on the CFA. The nomination was approved. It was moved and seconded to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee. The report was approved and the nominees were elected to office . A motion was made and carried to accept the joint invitation of First Church, Anchorage, and Alaska Methodist University as hosts for the 1979 Session of the Annual Conference.

N. Consultation of Nature of Missionary Conferences

Danita Trudeau presented the report of the Consultation on the Nature of the Missionary Conferences. This information was printed on pp. 29-33, PCH. The 1976 General Conference mandated a study of the nature of missionary conferences. Danita reported that some of the changes are due to the need to make these sections consistent with the rest of the Discipline. Other changes are dealing with new areas of concerns for these conferences. Arthur Knight moved adoption of the study proposals. It was moved to amend section 691.5 at line 3 by inserting "requests" after the words "either to" and add the word "of" after the word "transfer". The amendment was approved. Bob Smay moved to change the words "worker-priest" to "worker-pastor". The motion was seconded, but failed. It was moved to divide the question and deal with pp. 29, 31 and 32 as one unit and then deal with the items on p. 30 as a separate unit. The motion to divide was seconded and carried. A motion was made to approve pp. 29, 31 and 32 as one unit. This was seconded and approved by voice vote. The items on p. 30 were then presented to the floor. John Tindell moved "that the items in section 691.4 and 691.5 be given a significant block of time for discussion at this Conference, at the Lay-Clergy Conference, and that the full legislation be presented before the 1979 session of the Annual Conference." After a period of discussion, a motion was made to move the previous question. The motion carried by a two-thirds majority and the Tindell motion was then presented for vote. This motion did not prevail.

Ac Wischmeier moved to amend the document at section 691.4 by inserting "if it so chooses" after the word "may" in the first sentence. This was seconded and was adopted. Ac then moved to amend section 691.5b, line 2, by adding after Missionary Conference "which has previously voted to include full members under Paragraph 691.5" The amendment was approved. The question was called for, terminating further debate. The motion to approve the materials on p. 30 as amended carried by a vote of 40 to 7.

Bill Trudeau commented concerning the possible constitutional difficulty with the provision in section 691.5 that allows Annual Conference membership of mission agencies within the bounds of the Missionary Conference. He moved to refer section 691.5 to the Conference Council on Ministries for study this year to decide whether or not this conference would like to petition the General Conference next year to have a constitutional amendment whereby this provision could be allowed for annual conferences. This motion to refer was approved.

O. Courtesy Committee

LeRoy Davis reported for the Courtesy Committee and expressed thanks to Bishop Tuell for presiding at the Conference and to Bishop DeWitt for being our Conference speaker. He expressed our appreciation for the Planning Committee's work for arrangements for the Conference. Expression of thanks were extended to the host churches for their labor, meals and entertainment in the Kenai area. The Conference was invited to stand and to share with one another words of appreciation for being a part of the Conference.

Ac Wischmeier moved that the Conference will adjourn after the reading of the appointments following the worship service, on Sunday, June 18.

P. Annual Missionary Conference Banquet

A delicious baked salmon dinner was served by the Altar Guild of the Soldotna Roman Catholic Church in their parish hall. Special music was provided by the Sweet Adelines. Introductions were made by the Master of Ceremonies, Larry Bennett. Dr. Glenn Olds was the banquet speaker and his address was titled: "A Famine in the Land." Dr. Olds said that Alaska is the mirror of the critical issues in the twenty-first century.

Q. Lay Speakers

Larry Bennett read the names of those who were approved candidates for certification of lay speakers by completing the course of study, and by recommendation from the local church and pastor and the Conference Council on Ministries. Bishop Tuell led the consecration of the candidates.

On behalf of the Conference, Grace Wilson presented gifts of appreciation to Ac and Irene Wischmeier in recognition of their years of faithful and loving service to the Conference. LuDean Knight and Susie Holway presented the Wischmeiers a quilt which was made by members of the Conference parsonages and churches.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1978

At 8:30 a.m. the Conference gathered at the Kenai Church of the New Covenant for a Love Feast, a time of song and sharing experiences. The morning service was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Kenai Central High School. The morning offering was designated for use in Zaire, Africa. Bishop and Marji Tuell will visit Zaire and will distribute this offering. Bishop DeWitt preached on the text II Timothy 4:1-5.

Priscilla Ringenburg was recognized as a Diaconal Minister.

Arthur P. Knight was presented to the Bishop by James Buffington, a member of the Board of Ministry of the Oregon-Idaho Conference. The conferring of the order "elder" upon Arthur was by the laying on of hands by the Bishops, the elders, and representatives of the laity; and the charge by Bishop Tuell. The bishop then delivered a copy of the Scriptures to Arthur and charged him to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments. The Bishop placed a stole around the neck of the new elder as a symbol of that office.

After the reading of the appointments by the Bishop, Arthur Knight pronounced the benediction.

The Conference adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith B. Wise
Secretary

V. REPORTS TO THE CONFERENCE

A. The Conference Superintendent

The Rev. A. C. Wischmeier

Bishop Jack M. Tuell, colleagues and friends, sisters and brothers of the United Methodist family of Alaska, we are just beginning the 37th session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission, the Seventh Session of the Alaska Missionary Conference and we have completed 74 years of organized mission work in Alaska. The report to the Annual Conference will be made in five parts: the Superintendent; the Coordinator of the Council on Ministries, Mary Lou Hollett; Chairman of the Council on Finance and Administration, Barbara Shaffer; the Chairman of the Equitable Salaries Committee, Sally Lowery; and the Historical Committee, Claudia Kelsey and Bea Sheperd.

Adolescence to Young Adulthood

In 1974 we eliminated from the "Journal" the report of the churches and institutions because of the marked increase in cost of printing. This year the "Journal" is being printed by a Homer United Methodist member, Jim Clymer, at a savings that makes possible including this historical material once again in the permanent record. Hence there is no need to review the highlights of the year, but rather an opportunity to give a nine-year overview in retrospect.

In recent months I have often been asked, "How would you characterize the Alaska Mission since June 1969?" My answer is short - we have moved from adolescence to young adulthood. These have been interesting, strenuous and invigorating years beset with growing pains that bring about change. Thus take a look.

1. EPISCOPAL LEADERSHIP - Each of our three Bishops have given us strong and supportive leadership. Bishop Everett W. Palmer was faced with a major financial crisis at AMU and was in the process of organizing a three-million dollar finance crusade in the Southeastern Jurisdiction for the institution when death took him January 5, 1971. That crusade never materialized due to the lack of other strong leadership and the resignation of Dr. Fred McGinnis as President of AMU within the same week of the Bishop's death. Bishop W. Maynard Sparks of the Seattle Area was assigned episcopal supervision and presided over our 1971-1972 Annual Conferences. He quickly won our loyalties and admiration as he gave himself unstintingly to his own area as well as to Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. At the Jurisdictional Conference of 1972, Jack M. Tuell was elected Bishop and assigned to the Portland Area and we have enjoyed his and Marij's unique and understanding leadership the past six years.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT - The 1969 Annual Conference authorized the formation of a Program Council and Walter Hays became its first director. Local churches were just becoming aware of using the new structure provided for them in the Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board. At the 1970 Conference a new Conference organization structure was adopted which combined the 23 standing committees into four legislative sections and four standing committees, and the year-long boards, committees, etc. were regrouped to function under four General Committees: Christian Social Responsibilities, Christian Nurture, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy and Christian Outreach.

At the 1977 Conference a further refinement was made authorizing the General Committee to function as the legislative committees during the session of the Annual Conference and the General Committee names were changed to correspond to the General Conference designations - Church and Society, Discipleship, Global Ministries, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy and Christian Outreach. New Disciplinary standing committees were also added last year: Board of Diaconal Ministry, Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency, Committee on Religion and Race and the Committee on Status and Role of Women. In the fall of 1974 funding was secured to hire Danita Trudeau as part-time coordinator of the Conference Council on Ministries for which she gave creative leadership until her resignation February 1, 1978, and Mary Lou Hollett was elected to the position.

The 1972 General Conference created legislation that brought into being the Missionary Conference and in June of that year we dissolved the Alaska Mission and became Alaska Missionary Conference. We immediately took advantage of the new General Conference permissive legislation that enabled us to include Alaska Children's Services, Nome Community Center, Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Wesleyan Nursing Home and Alaska Methodist University with two members each in the membership of the Missionary Conference.

At the same 1972 General Conference, for the first time, two delegates from Alaska, Mrs. Fred Stassel and David Fison, were seated on the floor of the conference without vote. The conference approved proposals from the women's organizations to merge the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild into a single unit known as United Methodist Women. At the 1976 General Conference we were represented by Danita Trudeau and Robert Bowers and the Missionary Conferences succeeded in proposing an amendment to our church law that when ratified would seat with vote two members from each of the Missionary Conferences. This legislation has been ratified and we will have two voting members at the 1980 General Conference, one lay and one clergy.

Early in 1973 the National Division issued an invitation to the Bishop and Superintendent of each of the three newly formed Missionary Conferences - the Red Bird Missionary Conference, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Alaska Missionary Conference - to meet in St. Louis on March 23 for a consultation. The National Division was represented by Dr. Randolph Nugent and Miss Betsy Ewing. I can best summarize the meeting by quoting in part from a letter I received from Miss Betsy Ewing dated April 11, 1973:

Dear Ac:

Randolph Nugent and I appreciated the opportunity we had to meet with you and Bishop Tuell on March 23 in St. Louis. It was exceedingly helpful to explore with you the concept of the Missionary Conference structure as defined in the "Book of Discipline" and to seek to understand its functions and relationship in terms of present experience and the respective histories. Some very important questions were raised, as well as differences recognized.

Several more consultations were held under the auspices of the National Division with wider representation trying to formulate legislation for the 1976 General Conference, but we could come to no consensus so no recommendations were presented. The 1976 General Conference, however, mandated that recommendations concerning the nature of Missionary Conferences be presented in 1980. We have been represented in these discussions by Danita Trudeau, Bruce Bartel, the Superintendent and

Bishop Jack Tuell. The present draft of the proposed legislation is printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook for consideration and recommendations to the drafting committee where we are represented by Danita Trudeau.

On March 19, 1974, the first consultation between the Alaska Missionary Conference and the National Division was held in Portland, Oregon. Nine of us were present from Alaska, two National Division Board members, five staff members along with Bishop Jack Tuell, then chairman of the National Division. At the conclusion Randy Nugent suggested that he appoint four from the National Division and Bishop Tuell appoint four from the Alaska Missionary Conference to constitute a Continuing Consultation Committee. Bishop Tuell appointed Jack Townshend, Grace Wilson, William Trudeau and the Superintendent. At the 1976 Conference representatives were elected except the Superintendent and our elected delegation was Larry Bennett, Bob Bowers and Mary Lou Hollett. In January, 1977 when Bob Bowers took a special appointment with Alaska Children's Services, Bill Trudeau was appointed in the interim and elected at the 1977 Conference. These semi-annual consultations have been one of the most productive and useful structures we have created in developing a good working relation between the National Division and the Alaska Missionary Conference moving rapidly from adolescence to young adulthood.

For a number of years we have struggled to set up a state youth organization that was workable. The goal of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries in 1974 was to develop a set of by-laws and a constitution that would be presented to the 1975 Annual Conference. This was prepared and adopted and again refined at the 1977 Conference. During this year, under the guidance of Art and LuDean Knight, regional youth meetings were held and a Conference Youth Council was elected which met in Kenai in April and planned a state-wide youth convocation in Soldotna that has just concluded a two-day session.

The 1975 Conference set in motion a study that took a look at where the Conference had been and where it ought to be going in the years immediately ahead. Dr. James H. Davis, Research Director, National Division, gave leadership to the church by church study during 1975-76. His two-volume written report was used as a basic document by the Conference Council on Ministries in developing the seven major quadrennial goals adopted June, 1977.

3. BUDGET CUTS AND SELF-SUPPORT GAINS - No more momentous problem has faced the Mission than when two days into the Conference Dr. J. Edward Carters, then Associate General Secretary of the National Division, instructed Dr. Harry Komuro, National Division, Area of Special Ministries, to inform us without our prior knowledge that our subsidy budget would be cut \$44,375 for the 1971 fiscal year. To accomplish this at that late date, every area of our proposed 1972 budget was cut, Soldotna and North Star were combined into a circuit as well as Juneau and Douglas and our missionary personnel was reduced from 20 to 18. The shock of all this still lingers in the minds of those of us who experienced it.

The following year, 1972, our subsidy budget was reduced another \$15,000 and to accomplish this we discontinued our full-time program director, Walt Hays, with his appointment to Nome. By the budget year of 1973, our subsidy money had dropped from \$164,217 in 1970 to \$94,500. In 1974 the National Division started the practice of a block grant and provided \$95,500. This was a significant change since now the subsidy money was given undesignated for the Conference for the first time in its existence to determine how the subsidy was to be used. The block grant remained at the \$95,500 level through 1976. In 1977 it was reduced to \$82,500 and

for the current year to \$65,000. Your Council on Finance and Administration, anticipating a further cut for 1979 and a desire on our part to take seriously our goal of self-support, is recommending a further reduction of \$15,000. In 9 years, the subsidy has been reduced \$114,214 for an average yearly reduction of \$12,690.

While our subsidy budget was being reduced by the National Division we increased our Conference budget from \$36,113 in 1970 to our proposed budget of \$161,442 for 1979, or an average yearly increase of \$13,925. This tells only part of the financing story in the struggle of the Conference to meet inflation costs and increase the base salary.

The base salary in 1969 was \$5,200 and our new proposed base for 1979 is \$11,200, an increase of \$6,000 or an average yearly increase of \$600. In 1969 the average non-self-supporting church was paying a cash salary, with child allowance, of \$7,604, while the five self-supporting churches paid \$8,529, making an average spread between self-supporting and near self-supporting churches of \$925. By 1975, this average spread had risen to \$1,947. Because self-supporting churches were increasing salaries at a much more rapid rate than non-self-supporting churches, we instituted a voluntary salary sharing plan in 1975 and a Conference plan for all self-supporting churches in 1976 which apportioned \$3,831 for increasing non-self-supporting salaries. In 1977 this apportionment was increased to \$6,000, in 1978 to \$12,000 and the proposed amount for 1979 is \$20,000.

In 1974 we went off the child support subsidy formula and instituted an experience factor worth \$62 per service year, starting when a minister was received on trial in a Conference, for a maximum of 20 years. The \$62 was increased to \$100 in 1975 and has remained the same to the present. By 1975 the Social Security tax was increasing more rapidly than we were able to increase the base salary. We suggested to the churches in 1975 that they increase their pastor's salary by one-third of the Social Security tax, which amounted to \$371, to help the pastor care for the increase in Social Security tax. By 1976 we suggested that churches increase to one-half of the tax, which then amounted to \$604. The suggested amount for 1979 is \$810. This program has been accepted by the churches one hundred per cent.

With the above financial plans in operation, we now have four non-self-supporting churches with an average cash salary of \$13,467 for 1978 and the self-supporting churches average a cash salary of \$14,709, thus making a spread between them of \$1,232. Had we not instituted some major financial changes, the spread between the two would have been intolerable.

We have taken another major step toward self-support when in 1977 our self-supporting churches and all institutions assumed paying the full blanket insurance premium on their property and the non-self-supporting churches assumed one-fourth of the premium. These premiums had heretofore been paid by the National Division which had been an unnoticed form of subsidy which we had taken for granted.

We have arrived at the day when each of our churches maintains their own property and only asks for help from the National Division in an emergency. Like children at home we have grown up to assume our own responsibility.

During the years the Mission has been proud of the fact that each church has paid one hundred per cent of their apportionments. These apportionments have more than doubled, going from \$36,113 in 1969 to the proposed amount of \$79,142 for 1979.

While struggling to meet our apportionments 100 per cent, our voluntary giving has been encouraging, as indicated in the following letter to Bishop Jack Tuell from Joe Walker, Assistant General Secretary, Section on Cultivation, Board of Global Ministries:

"Dear Jack:

I don't know what you are doing up there in Alaska, but keep it up!! You recently received the year-end report for the Advance for 1977 . . . Alaska was second in 73 Annual Conferences in its per capita giving to the Advance (\$5.88). It was first in per capita giving for UMCOR (\$2.41). Second in Hunger Advance, (68% of the churches participating). First in Ethnic Minority Local Church, (27% of the churches participated).

In terms of its per capita giving increase in 1977 over 1978, it had the second highest in the nation."

Max Cramer, our Conference Global Concerns chairman, writes, "The Mission Committee had asked for a 20 per cent increase in Advance Special giving from 1976, \$10,591. Our total Advance Special giving for 1977 is \$19,505. This, as I figure it, is roughly an 80 per cent increase."

We all rejoice with the overwhelming success of the Pension Crusade. With an initial goal of \$55,000, that soon moved to \$200,000, we have pledged \$225,841 and have received by June 2, 1978, \$60,988.59.

Our appreciation goes to Rev. and Mrs. Fred Strathdee, our Crusade directors, and to the Office of Finance and Field Service for providing the Strathdees at no cost to the Mission, except their travel and entertainment while in Alaska, and to each Church for their splendid cooperation.

Our Equitable Salary Committee is making a study and projection of what it will take for the Mission to increase in self-support so that by 1984 we will have reduced our 1979 projected National Division subsidy from \$50,000 to zero. This afternoon they will make their report.

All of the hard-earned accomplishments outlined above have been accomplished against a statistical declining membership since 1972. December, 1969 we reported 4,170 members and now, nine years later, we record 3,217. Membership increased in 1970 and 1971 to a high of 4,235. 1972 was the year of drastic roll-cleaning that reduced membership to 3,562 and there has been a steady statistical decline to the present, in spite of the fact, I believe, our churches are the strongest they have ever been. Having said this, however, we must face the fact that we have been declining in membership while our state has gone through fantastic growth.

4. ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENTS - The Conference Year 1969-70 was a significant year for ecumenical developments. At the June, 1969 Annual Conference the Rev. Robert W. Nelson was appointed to the newly organized United Campus Ministry. December 2-4 the first "Summit" Conference between the Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, American Baptists and United Methodists in Alaska was held in the conference room of the Mission House. A closer fellowship was developed over the two-day Conference. Growing out of a second summit conference was a proposal to explore the possibility of creating a Professional Advocacy Council which was the number one recommendation in the COCAHNIA report (Consultation on the

Church and Human Need in Alaska). This group initiated a proposal to TAPS (Trans-Alaska Pipeline System) for pipeline social service. Due to the long delay in the construction of the pipeline, this proposal was dropped but was the forerunner of the proposal later developed through the Alaska Christian Conference in 1974 for the establishment of a pipeline chaplaincy, to which Rev. Raymond Dexter was appointed June 15, 1974, as supervising chaplain, and on August 1, 1975, Mel Vostry was appointed as our United Methodist chaplain, terminating October 15, 1976.

Growing out of the summit meeting was a plan, whereby if only one of the co-operating churches is represented in a community, the church represented can request the other cooperating denominations to designate their church as the church through which they work in that community and encourage their members to participate in that church.

By 1969, Turnagain United Methodist and Trinity Presbyterian in Anchorage had developed a very close cooperation and ventured forth together to reactivate Westminster Presbyterian Church, which had ceased to be, as the Jewel Lake Union Parish Church. This developed into our first union church which set the pattern for the Juneau United Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church to meet together on a trial basis starting September 1, 1973, and after adoption of by-laws voted on September 15, 1974, for a permanent union. On Sunday, May 7, 1978, the New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian Church at North Pole was officially organized, having met in the Grange Hall since last September. We now have three such "Union" churches.

July 1, 1971, the Reverend Gordon Corbett was appointed as Assistant Synod Executive for the United Presbyterian Synod for Alaska. On his arrival in Anchorage, I invited him to share office space at the Alaska Mission Office and this has been an enjoyable and practical cooperative venture.

During the year 1970-72, I was a member of an ecumenical restructuring committee of the State Council of Churches that gave birth to the Alaska Christian Conference. In late January, 1972, at its regular annual meeting, the old structure was dissolved to make way for a more flexible and inclusive organization. Time has proved this was a wise decision.

In the fall of 1970, Jesse Lee Home, the Lutheran Youth Center and the Anchorage Children's Christian Home (American Baptist) completed merger into a new ecumenical comprehensive child welfare corporation known as Alaska Children's Services, Inc. They have expanded their work to develop a branch of their services at Unalaska, known as the Iliiluk Family Service. Last year, the '77 Fund Campaign was launched to provide funds to expand ACS facilities to meet increased demands for services. The Fund Campaign exceeded their goal of \$1,150,000 and on Sunday, June 18 at 5 p.m. will be the ground breaking ceremony for the new Jesse Lee Activity and Educational Building.

On January 15, 1975, a new native Presbyterian Church was organized in Nome, meeting in the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Pastor, John Shaffer, was appointed by the Presbyterian Church as acting pastor of the Nome Presbyterian Church. Another milepost in ecumenical cooperation took place in the formation on January 14, 1976, of the Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish involving the Community United Methodist Church of Nome, Nome Presbyterian, Gambell Presbyterian and Savoonga Presbyterian. The United Methodist Pastor assigned to Nome now has opportunity for ministry in two denominations, as well as relating to the ministry on St. Lawrence Island.

Birchwood Camp has developed an ecumenical approach with its Board of Directors United Methodist, but its program directors are ecumenical in appointment. A slightly different approach has been developed at our Argetsinger Camp.

August 15, 1976, the Anchorage Fellowship of Churches, through individual churches, pledged enough money to hire the Rev. Conrad Zipperian, an American Lutheran Minister, on a half-time basis. This spring a new constitution has been adopted. Financial support for this important campus ministry has been and continues to be marginal.

The Alaska Native Ministry program has been a project of the Native Ministry Committee, made up of United Methodists and United Presbyterians. Ray Baines was hired as director in May, 1974 and terminated June 15, 1975. A good deal of Ray's work was that of an ombudsman. After he left, the committee has been searching for the direction it should go with a good deal of frustration. New hope has come through the skillful counseling of Dr. Norman Shawchuck, provided through the Board of Discipleship.

5. INSTITUTIONS - Under other headings I have reviewed the significant developments at Alaska Children's Service, United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks and the University Community Ministry, Anchorage. On Sunday evening, February 12, 1978, Wesleyan Nursing Home dedicated its latest addition, consisting of a new dining room area and office complex. July 2, 1972, the hospital added a new 62-bed wing and remodeled the old. Dr. F. J. Phillips, long-time consultant to the hospital, gave the dedication talk tracing the many firsts in T.B. medical history performed in this historic hospital and its predecessor, the Seward Sanitorium.

After several years of struggle to continue the operation of Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome, the keys were turned over to the Norton Sound Health Corporation on March 31, 1977, completing 66 years of medical service to Nome and the Seward Peninsula. The new Norton Sound Regional Hospital moved into its new building the week of April 16, 1978.

A marked change came in the Nome Community Center with the consultative study made by Miss Louise Weeks, a Community Center Consultant, during the summer of 1969. She reconstructed the board from predominantly Caucasian to 80 per cent Native, to more nearly correspond to the make-up of the community it served. The nature of the center's program greatly expanded during the directorship of Bill Trudeau. Late in 1974 Rose Ann Timbers, a native of Nome, became director, following a short few months of directorship of Barbara Shaffer, who resigned to become Governor Hammond's representative for the Northern Region. With the sale of Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, the Women's Division allocated the \$200,000 sale price for building a new Teen Center, under the direction of the Community Center. We had hoped the building could have been built last summer and certainly this summer, but formidable obstacles have made it impossible until the visit of Bishops Tuell and DeWitt to Nome this month.

It is difficult to summarize AMU's nine-year history in a paragraph. Bishop Everett W. Palmer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, died January 5, 1971, and Dr. Fred McGinnis resigned, effective February 1, 1971, to become Commissioner of Health and Welfare in the Governor's Cabinet. Dr. William Davis was appointed acting president while the presidential search committee looked for a new president. At the May, 1971 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Mission Superintendent was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees and remained Chairman until October 24,

1977, when John Overby became Chairman. Dr. John O. Picton was elected AMU's third president September 24, 1971, and served until June 30, 1975, at which time Robert Dellenbach became the fourth president until July 1, 1976, at which time the entire faculty and staff were terminated and the University entered into a sabbatical year of planning and restructuring under the leadership of Dr. Dennis Binning, after the Board of Trustees voted not to consummate the sale offer to the State. A year later, May 26, 1977, Dr. Glenn A. Olds, President and Professor of Philosophy at Kent State University since September, 1971, was elected to be the fifth president of AMU effective July 1, 1977. The University reopened in September with a limited course offering and plans to offer a full curriculum this fall. These have been difficult years for AMU, but there is a fundamental conviction that there is a place for a private, Christian-oriented liberal arts university in Alaska.

6. JURISDICTIONAL INVOLVEMENT - As we have moved from adolescence to young adulthood and acquired voting rights at General Conference, we have made real progress this quadrennium in representation on Jurisdictional Committee structure. Danita Trudeau is a member of the Jurisdictional Council on Finance and Administration, both she and Phil Robison are on the Council on Ministries and Jack Townshend represents us on the Jurisdictional Task Force on Enlistment of Women and Ethnic Minorities for the Ordained Ministry. After long years of being ignored, we are becoming of age to take our rightful place.

7. LAY LEADERSHIP - We have been blessed with excellent Conference lay leadership provided by William Searby, Jack Townshend and Larry Bennett. Through the unrelenting leadership of Jack Townshend, we had our first Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference October 10-12, 1975, at Birchwood, with retreat leaders Dr. and Mrs. Jameson Jones, and under Larry Bennett's leadership, the second conference February 25-27, 1977, with the retreat leader being Dr. Roy Fairchild. Saturday night at the banquet we will be recognizing a class of 30 Lay Speakers who have completed the training program under the direction of Lay Leader Larry Bennett.

Whether prior to 1972 we talked about the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, or afterward United Methodist Women, they have provided through the local church and conference organization strong lay leadership. Their state presidents - Grace Wilson, Jean Stassel, Betty DeVore, Mary Lou Hollett and Marion Gotschall - have given much of their time and energies to women's and conference work.

8. EVANGELISM - In the fall of 1969, a simultaneous preaching mission was held in all our churches with the help of 20 missionaries from the lower forty-eight. In the years 1970-72, numerous Lay Witness Missions were held and they have continued in some of our churches. September 22-26, 1974, we ventured forth on an Euriskon training event led by the Rev. Barry Johnson of Chicago. Several Euriskon events were organized in our churches. New Life Missions and other types of specialized missions have been held, but nothing takes the place of daily witnessing to our faith through our everyday conduct.

9. THE CLERGY - An increasing emphasis has been placed on the need for continuing education. The yearly Pastor-Spouse Retreat is designed in part to fill this need. An increased number of our clergy have worked out specific continuing education plans. Congratulations to Bruce Bartel on receiving his Doctorate of Ministry Degree last month.

We rejoice in the marked increase in Candidates for the Ministry from our church-

es. This past year two clergy couples were assigned churches and a worker priest. Our clergy have not only been enablers in the local church, but agents of leadership and change in many of our communities. A case fresh on our minds is Nome, where John Shaffer and the Ministerial Association, working on the premise that alcohol is the root of this Gold Rush town's severe social problems, has gotten a proposition on the ballot banning the sale of liquor. Tremendous pressures have been placed on John to compromise, but John is standing firm until major changes are enacted into law.

It has been a privilege for Irene and me to have been associated with the finest missionary personnel that have responded to the call to serve in this Great Land. Besides those of us who have served together this year, I pay tribute to the contributions made by those who have served in the Missionary Conference since June, 1969. Let me call the roll: Leo and Mona Cramer, Tom and Gail Dahl, Howard and Betty DeVore, Jim and Faye Fellers, Eugene and LaRae Groves, Charles and Doris Horner, Ernie and Rachel Jones, Gary and Piroska Lueck, Jim and Mary Thompson, Eugene and Carolann Walters, John and Clara Mae Walther, Walt and Ruth Warner, Tom and Beverly Whitehead, Boone and Nancy White, Walt and Lydia Hays, Bob and Beverly Bowers, Bob and Norma Nelson, Dick and Dianne Morrison, Augie and Marie Aamodt, Ray and Carolyn Baines, Dick and Donna Smith and Lucretia Davis. Others not named have served in special appointments in our various institutions.

10. FURTHER THANKS - In expressing appreciation, I would not forget our congenial and hard working secretaries in the Mission Office: Marybeth Sturgin, Pat Cole, Patricia Kirton, Kathy Taylor, Gretchen Dombecki, Bonnie Steenrod, Mary Thompson, Mary Lou Hollett and Doris Staley, who has signed our checks for over ten years.

11. CONCLUSION - We have not always been kind to the dreamers in our society. They are sometimes accused of being impractical idealists. Some of them were ostracized; some died as martyrs. But we desperately need the dreamers today, so does the Great Land. Norman Cousins wrote in Saturday Review, "What holds men back today is not the pressure of realities, but the absence of dreams. If the dreams are good enough, no realities can stand against them." Keep on dreaming - move on to the joys and responsibilities of adulthood.

B. Council on Ministries Report

Mary Lou Hollett, Coordinator

As I reflect over this past year of work of the Council on Ministries, I feel it can be characterized as a year of dedicated work and service by those who have served on the sub-committees and task forces. The goals that were established for the quadrennium are beginning to come alive and results are being seen. It is difficult to report all of the work that has taken place, for much of this is done on an individual basis and we do not see the hours of preparation, the prayers, the frustrations and the dreams that are part of the task of seeing that these goals become reality.

To touch on a few of the highlights over the past year, I would mention the work done by the Hunger Task Force. The materials that have been compiled for the use of local churches has been most helpful. The co-operation and participation of all throughout the Conference in this special emphasis on Hunger is reflected in the fact that the Alaska Missionary Conference was second in 73 Annual Conferences in its per capita giving to the Hunger Advance.

Work is already underway for the special emphasis for this year in the area of Native Culture and Land Claims. Later on this week you will be introduced to exciting plans for this coming year.

The Discipleship Committee has sent packets to all of the churches to aid them in assessing where they are in their church school through the use of check lists to evaluate their programs. As churches use these materials programs are enriched, leading to more participation in the church school, thus helping to achieve the goal that has been set to increase church school attendance by 15 per cent. Perhaps the church school figures are beginning to reflect this increase in attendance goal - in 1977 the total church school attendance was 1,746, in 1978 the total was 1,855.

Plans are underway for a concentrated evangelism program and the General Committee will be working on this proposal during the sessions together here at Annual Conference.

The "Missioner," an in-conference newspaper was published. Participation by the churches and conference committees was fantastic. Our thanks goes to Danita Trudeau for editing the "Missioner."

During this quadrennium the goal to create a system of alternatives in leadership development and education was set. During this past year we have been able to see aspects of this goal being reached in a very successful way. Larry Bennett's leadership in planning for the Lay Speaker Program is concrete evidence of leadership development. The participation of over 30 people in the Lay Speaker Program speaks for itself.

The co-operative effort of United Methodist Women and the Global Concerns Committee brought about the Mission Event for Southeast Alaska. It provided an opportunity for the members of churches in that area to share together in a training event and to study together. Ned and Beverly Walter, missionaries in residence in the Western Jurisdiction, were present as mission resource persons and then itinerated on the Kenai Peninsula.

As our structure has grown there are new areas of interest coming before us. The Commission on Religion and Race is in the organizational stage. Their hopes are somewhat hampered by lack of an adequate budget to meet together.

The Commission on the Role and Status of Women has set for itself the following goal: to identify the role and needs of women in the local church and on the Conference level. A survey was conducted covering the period 1974 through 1978 for local church participation. Eighteen of the churches responded with the following results:

54% of leadership roles were filled by males	
46% of leadership roles were filled by females	
Chairperson Mission Area	88% female
	12% male
Chairperson Education	92% female
	8% male
Chairperson Trustees	86% male
	14% female
Chairperson Administrative Board	80% male
Chairperson Finance	20% female
	64% male
	36% female

Results of the 1968-77 AMC Survey

Conference Secretary	100% male
Statistician	100% male
Lay Leader	100% male
Treasurer	100% female
Membership on Council on Ministries	67% male 33% female

The Commission is urging an increase in female participation in areas of pension, nominations, equitable salary, trustees, church extension and Council on Finance and Administration.

The Committee on the Diaconal Ministry has met and is looking at requirements of the Office of Diaconal Ministry. Clarification of some of these requirements is needed. A program for education and possibilities in the area of Diaconal Ministry will be worked on.

This is only a very brief look at the picture of the work of the Council on Ministries. As you read the reports in the Pre-Conference Handbook, you can see there is much more work being carried on in the Conference. I would like to say thank you to all those persons who so ably fill the responsibilities given them. At this time I think a word of appreciation is due Danita Trudeau for her dedication in giving inspiration, leadership and encouragement to all as she served as Co-ordinator for the Council on Ministries. And also a thank you to Ac for his support and guidance as Chairman of the Council on Ministries.

C. Pastors' Reports

FIRST CHURCH, ANCHORAGE

Bruce Bartel, Minister
Barbara Eicher, Associate Minister

Many things happened in the life of First Church this past year. A few should be noted as particularly important in shaping the present and future of the church.

After five years of not having an associated minister, Barbara Eicher joined the church staff as the second minister. Her contributions have been unique not only for knowing her as a person, but also because the church is able to minister more effectively in many areas. Barbara has expanded the church's ministry in calling, Christian education, worship, young adult ministry and other areas.

Along with the other United Methodist churches of Alaska, First Church had an excellent Stewardship Crusade in the areas of local budget and pensions. The church pledged 100 per cent of its local budget needs and its people also pledged about \$25,000 for the pension crusade.

The past year has brought a renewed emphasis in community affairs. Along with several existing outreaches of the church, a special quarterly emphasis is present in local, state, national and international concerns. The time and giving of these special concerns seems to be directly tied to increased giving to the local budget.

It has also been good to add a Minister of Music, Betty Fedje, to the church staff.

Betty has made excellent contributions to the worship services and especially the music program of the church.

The church has also emphasized its junior and senior high youth this past year. The youth program has remained good throughout the year with an active and consistent group. It is good to see youth involved in the life of the church.

Statistically, the church continues to grow. Membership is again over 400, and there is a good spirit among the members. Many members are committed to the life and ministries of the church and are actively demonstrating their faith.

The church looks forward to the future with a great deal of hope. It feels good about its presence in "downtown" Anchorage, and anticipates continued Christian growth in the years ahead.

FAIRBANKS **Paul O. Jewell, Pastor**

We arrived in Fairbanks on the day "black gold" first passed the city in the Pipeline . . . July 4. The congregation gave us a joyous welcome. During this first year we have been getting acquainted with a wonderfully supportive community of faith! Personally, this supportive community has been a real blessing to Ardie and me as we worked our way through the "grief experience" occasioned by this move so far from "home." We will always be grateful for this evidence and expression of faith by the people called "Fairbanksans!"

Concerning the Church in Fairbanks, there's some good news and some bad news! Some of the bad news is that average attendance has slipped from 286 to 271. Some of the good news is that more lay persons are involved in decision-making and programming. The Work Areas have increased from one person on each to active groups of persons.

Planning Conferences were held at Camp Bingle, August 25-27 and at the Church, January 8. The purpose was two-fold: "Team-building" and deciding on goals. Numerous new programs and groupings emerged: Junior Church; a new Family Life Committee which provides monthly programs; an Associate Pastor position with major responsibility for the Christian Education Program; a Good Samaritan Program to meet emergency needs for housing and food; Handel's "Messiah" at the Cathedral.

Stewardship of money has been at a high level. The Church budgeted \$23,264.00 for "Outreach" or mission endeavors and actually gave \$37,857.00. The congregation is committed to the new Church at North Pole and rejoices in the knowledge of the excellent prospects of this new Church.

The talents and dedication of laypersons is limitless. A special word of appreciation is in order for Larry Bennett, Conference Lay Leader, who has not only functioned with distinction on the Conference and National levels, but who has started the Men's Club and the Nuggets Fellowship Group this year within the Fairbanks Church.

The northland is sometimes cold but the hearts of Methodist people continue to be "strangely warmed." We have been deeply grateful for the warm hearts of a people called Methodist, in this, our "first winter."

NORTHERN LIGHT UNITED CHURCH
John R. Tindell, Pastor

On the first Monday evening of each month approximately 50 persons gather at Northern Light United Church to participate in what we call "Meeting Night." These persons are involved in six general committees, plus a Board of Deacons. I am pleased with this interest and involvement. In addition, the Church Council meets monthly.

As a result of a Long Range Planning Committee study, a Family Life Center is being established at Northern Light Church. So far, we have had two Marriage Enrichment Events related to this center.

A Boy Scout troop has been formed and is actively meeting at the church each Tuesday evening.

Northern Light United Church, because of its central location in the community, serves as a meeting place for many organizations on a regular basis. We have a use form which we ask all user groups to complete, which includes 10 rules of building use. Also, a good number of church and school youth groups use the building for housing when they are for some reason in the community. In the summer of 1978 the church will again serve as a youth hostel and a training center for Volunteers in Mission who will be working for the Presbyterian denomination in logging camps and villages in Southeast Alaska. A calling group of 11 persons met two hours each Sunday afternoon for six weeks during March and April to train for their task. This group is now working at outreach for shut-ins, new residents and disenchanted existing members.

In 1977, the congregation made pledges to both the Presbytery Major Mission Fund and Alaska Missionary Conference Pension Fund. The specific project we selected as a part of the Major Mission is to create a position of Alcoholism Counselor for Southeast Alaska. A good number of churches have been contributing funds to enable this position to happen and, in fact, a person to act in this role is now being chosen.

Northern Light United Church has two students now in seminary, Tom Larson and Ernest Smith. Tom is now applying for admission to the Oregon-Idaho Conference.

The Community of Christian Women of Northern Light United Church is a strong and active group. This group gives to both Presbyterian and Methodist Mission projects. Also, they support Sheldon Jackson College and Alaska Methodist University. In addition, they have assisted with many local church projects.

SITKA
Robert D. Robison, Pastor

This year the Sitka Church has experienced gradual growth in attendance in Church School and worship. An outstanding adult choir has been a part of worship for which we're very thankful. Sunday afternoon youth gatherings and Thursday morning Bible Study continue to be lively and ecumenical. Assisted by Fred Strathdee and the Conference Pension Crusade, our giving has increased substantially. We begin 1978 receiving subsidy help for only about 10 per cent of our budget, compared to about 25 per cent a year ago. Moving the Coast Guard Air Station from An-

nette Island to Sitka has contributed to Sitka's population increase, although only about three of these families are regular participants in our church. Tourism is on the increase with the opening of two large hotels.

One distinctive feature of the Sitka Church is its schedule of fellowship affairs - many of them held out-of-doors. Each year in June there is a "Sunday at Sea," when our congregation, young and old, climb on a charter boat for a trip to a nearby island where an outdoor service is held on the beach, followed by picnic, games and campfire. At other times we have gone for hikes, clam-digs (followed by clam feeds, of course,) sing-alongs on the beach and fish-frys. A new feature this year was an all-congregation observance of the Seder meal during Holy Week. We've had pot-luck suppers with programs devoted to missions and social concerns. By God's grace, we anticipate continuing growth as we look ahead.

JEWEL LAKE PARISH
Donald L. Hartman, Pastor

1977-78 was a year for a strong congregation to begin stretching its views concerning mission.

In five years from its inception, the Jewel Lake Parish went from a struggling situation to that of a strong, supportive church able to build a parsonage (1977,) become self-supporting (1977,) increase its budget substantially and to make an excellent pledge to the AMC Pension Program.

In addition, being a union church of United Methodists and Presbyterians, the congregation has made a pledge toward missions to be divided equally between Presbyterian and United Methodist causes.

When one understands that this was accomplished by a congregation of 78 United Methodists and 78 United Presbyterians, one becomes aware of the spirit found within this body of Christ's Church.

SOLDOTNA
Dennis B. Holway, Pastor

Our Alaskan adventure with the Soldotna Church began at the doorway of our beautiful parsonage, where we were greeted by several church members. We have discovered in the past ten months that the people of our Church are as beautiful and unique as the land of the Kenai Peninsula. The excitement of this past summer was climaxed in the birth of our first child, Todd Edward Holway, on Sunday morning, September 18.

As we look back on this first year of ministry in Soldotna, we can see the signs of growth and a Spirit that is alive and in our midst. Our new monthly newsletter reflects our enthusiasm in its title, "The Soldotna Spirit." In September we purchased and completely paid for a new organ to accompany our newly formed choir. Our United Methodist Women group is experiencing the breath of new life under its present leadership. Among several yearly projects, they recently earned \$425 providing child care for 55 one- through five-year olds during a three-day "Mini-University Days" program.

We are sharing in our connectional ministry by hosting the Peninsula Lay Speaker training event. We also were privileged to host a work team from Southern California

for a weekend visit to Soldotna. Along with Kenai and North Kenai, we co-sponsored a teacher training event in the fall.

In an effort to affirm those things which unite us as Christians, the Pastor has been actively involved in the Soldotna-Kenai Ministerial Association. He is also part of a newly formed chaplaincy group ministering at the Central Peninsula Hospital. Our Church shared its World Wide Communion service with the local Lutheran congregation and we actively supported the ecumenical Good Friday service. During the past year our facility has been used by two other churches.

As our community and church grows (we received 16 new members in the past ten months,) we've begun making plans for a new church facility. Through the hopes, prayers, support and hard work of our people, we will build a church which will provide us with a facility capable of ministering to the needs of God's people.

DOUGLAS
Robert H. McNabb, Pastor

In true form, the Douglas Community United Methodist Church continues to be an outstanding church in the dedication of members and concern for the community and larger parish. The year has been busy with the gathering together of plans for expansion in building. A little over 4000 square feet of additional classroom and meeting rooms will be added, with the groundbreaking scheduled for May of this year. We have experienced difficulty keeping the church building project on the Advance Special listings, but the membership is going ahead doggedly, raising money wherever they can. The membership of the church is growing slowly, and by Annual Conference time we will be going over the 100-member mark, a goal that was set four years ago when the church went full self-support with their own full-time minister. Attendance at worship services has been inspiring. Our choir, under the direction of Richard Newton, has been a real addition to the worship experiences of the congregation. Many projects have been carried out throughout the year, probably the most outstanding of which was the Barbeque Dinner served to the public on the Fourth of July. Over 500 people from the Juneau-Douglas community were served, and the overwhelming demand is for it to be continued each year.

The younger element of the Church School has been down but is gradually being built up again. The adult class continues to be the largest group in study. The United Methodist Women have a strong, dedicated membership and have conducted several projects and studies throughout the year. The United Youth Fellowship has had about 10 to 15 regulars meeting every Sunday night, with once a month get-togethers with the young people from other churches in the community. The weekly Family Night of games and crafts is a good drawing card for the whole community and puts a strain on the available space of the present building.

NEW HOPE METHODIST-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Claude Klaver, Organizing Pastor

New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian Church has grown out of a concern of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Fairbanks to minister to the rather sprawling suburban areas of greater Fairbanks. After investigations and discussions and the involvement of both Conference and Presbytery, it was decided to join forces to begin a mission in this fast-growing area of North Pole. By pooling their resources and enlisting the assistance of two churches in Iowa, they came up with a beginning budget

with these contributions:

First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks	\$8,000
First United Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks	\$3,000
University Community Presbyterian Church, College	\$3,000
Colfax Center Presbyterian Church, Holland, Iowa	\$3,000
First United Presbyterian Church, Kamrar, Iowa	\$3,000
Synod of Alaska-Northwest, United Pres. Church Presbytery of Yukon	\$5,000 \$1,000

I was asked to come as organizing pastor and began work July 1, 1977. September 11 was our first service of worship. Attendance has grown steadily with an average attendance since January 1, 1978, of 66 at worship and 53 at Sunday School. We meet in the Grange Hall in North Pole.

A site committee has been working and a choice of site for the future building will probably be made soon. A mission study committee is at work and a building committee has been appointed.

Plans are made for formal organization of the congregation on May 7. Forty-eight persons have signed the charter membership roll at this date.

The congregation is made up primarily of young families. I find it a great joy and challenge to share with this wonderful and enthusiastic group of people. I thank God for His call to come and serve here in this part of His vineyard.

CHUGIAK
Greg Eicher, Pastor

In December of 1977, the Family Choir of the United Methodist Church of Chugiak traveled to the Eagle River Correctional Center to sing Christmas music for the inmates. Ostensibly this was to be a part of our church's ministry to the inmates. Instead, an amazing thing happened in the interchange of our singing and their singing for us. Our expectations for the evening got turned upside down, and many of us were caught up in the exuberance and real sharing by the inmates. We found that "they" were ministering to us, discovering anew how God's grace touches us in surprising ways.

This incident captures a lot of what has been happening at the Chugiak Church in 1977. It has been a year of significant changes and also a year of discovery. Amidst the change there has been continuity. While the church continued its supportive relationship with the Chugiak Children's Services' Head Start program, it continued and increased involvement in its prison ministry at the Eagle River facility. Hunger projects were a major concern in 1977 with a heifer and rabbits sent to the Caribbean through the Heifer Project. At the local level, in response to a lack of emergency food supplies for residents in the Chugiak/Eagle River area, the Chugiak church has established an emergency food bank which is administered through the local Social Services office.

Some new elements are now being added to our identity. This year the last payment was made on our building mortgage, and we also became self-supporting -- two major steps for us. An all-church planning retreat at Birchwood Camp in October helped us to look at ourselves and chart some new directions. A change in pastoral leadership occurred in June when the Groves moved to Anchorage and when the

Eichers were greeted with an old-fashioned "pounding" at the parsonage in June, and at the beginning of Advent they hosted the congregation in a party at the parsonage. This year we have witnessed, sometimes in surprising ways, the continuing growth of an intricate web of caring relationships which are better described in terms of God's grace than in terms of specifically programmed results.

SEWARD-MOOSE PASS
Revelle Roach, Pastor

This has been a great year in Seward-Moose Pass! It began with Lee and Lucille Dale coming to share their ministry in labor for four weeks, doing many projects, and witnessing to their "Carpenter's for the Lord" in many churches in many countries, on Conference Sunday. They are a great couple! They'll come for you, if you contact them early.

While the Dales were still here, the Dallas, Oregon Methodist Youth Group of 16 came to help us! They painted Moose Pass Church, did innumerable odd jobs and clean-up and beautifying. In Seward they painted the parsonage, painted the trim on the Church, did much cleaning out/up inside and out, painting, yard work and general "Labor of Love!" Our thanks to them.

Our summer attendance and general participation was very good, beginning our Fall Program in a fine way. In early fall we received seven families WITH CHILDREN!! What a joy and strength they have been to us and rejuvenating our Fellowship!

Our week day activities have been very well planned and attended, especially our Family Nights each month. All groups in our Church have been successful in special day a father and his two teenage sons were Baptized! Our Easter attendance was the highest in years!

Our participation in the Finance-Pension Crusade was excellent. With the Strathdee's leadership and the interest and commitment of our families, it HAD to succeed!

A Historical Room was dedicated as a Memorial to the Pedersen Family. Louis, his wife and two children came to Seward on July 31, 1905, as first resident Missioner. On October 1, 1905, this Church was "organized with 15 members and two probationers!" The Church was a 20 X 30 tent, used for Parsonage, Church and Reading Room. With Memorial monies sent by the family and friends of Fred Pedersen, rooms were remodeled, carpet laid, renovating and painting done, and extensive historical memorabilia catalogued.

Our Spring Charge Conference was an evening of rejoicing. A record attendance at a Family Night Potluck! All had opportunity to speak of some significant thing that has happened with them this past year: It was almost an "old-time Methodist Testimonial Meeting."

We have high expectations for Seward-Moose Pass during the next several years. Our growth will not be phenomenal, but we will strive to make it consistent and lasting. Rejoice with us!

KETCHIKAN
Max W. Cramer, Pastor

It is hard to say
In words so few
What has happened
When they have appointed you
To be the pastor, shepherd and friend.

Sometimes one is the agitator that stirs and churns;
Sometimes the instigator who starts the ball rolling;
Sometimes the inspirator who touches mind and soul;
Sometimes the commentator who tells it like it is, and
Sometimes the mediator who points all to the Master for his ministry.

There are many people
In this place
Involving themselves under the steeple
To set the pace.

This means vision that rises and goes beyond the four cozy walls before it halts and then falls upon the many things that need to be done.

Our people of all ages have needs and desires that must be met and we dare not fail them. Programming provides Sunday School, basketball, Worship Hour, Bible studies, small groups, fellowship groups, youth groups, United Methodist Women, the prayer chain, committees and boards. These help us to rise to the occasions community living places before us. And it is the compassion of everyone that helps to minister to Senior Haven, Headstart, Youth Hostel, Child Protection, Foster Care, Food Cache and Counseling Service, among the many things our people do in service in Ketchikan.

One Great Hour, and Jesse Lee,
Korea, Japan and Ethnic Minority,
World Hunger, and AMU,
Across the world in what we do.
It keeps us busy as we strive to span the world God has placed in the hand of his people.

You see there is no task too great
When a group of friends
Who belong to the fellowship of God
Determine what to do and then
With confidence in our Lord,
Lend their hands, and hearts, and minds
To Him who takes it all and blends
The miracle that we find,
Working together in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

HOMER PARISH
Keith B. Wise, Pastor

Homer Church - The Annual Church Conference appointed a building committee to develop plans which would incorporate the report of the building study commit-

tee. The Building Committee worked rapidly with the designer and on February 12, 1978, the Congregation approved the preliminary plans and financial package. Requests have been submitted to the National Division Office of Church Extension, for a loan of \$75,000 and a request for the donation of the proceeds from the sale of the Anchor Point property. Upon approval of the loan and donation, the Building Committee will proceed with final working drawings.

The Financial Crusade under Fred Strathdee was very successful in the three areas of emphasis. The total pledges, as of March 15, were: Pension \$5,004; On-going Ministries \$15,786; and Building Fund \$66, 637.

Attendance at church schools, worship, committees and United Methodist Women have all increased over the past year.

Ninilchik Church - Our attendance at worship has increased this past year with one church school class being held during the worship hour. Barbara Banta was the state leader in the Law of the Sea seminar held on the AMU campus this winter. Barbara is available to share her experiences on the Law of the Sea with any of the churches of the Conference (Barbara Banta, Ninilchik, AK 99639.)

Seldovia Church - Contact has been maintained by visitations and telephone calls to interested families in this village.

Anchor Point Church - This property was sold by the National Division during the past year. Records of the church are currently being held in the Homer Church office.

COMMUNITY UMC CHURCH, NOME
John J. Shaffer, Pastor

The past year has been a most stimulating one, both in terms of the activities of the total parish, and within the confines of some of the local church programming. Worship, Sunday School and United Methodist Women provide the strongest ongoing activities for participation.

The volunteers Bob Metcalf and Susan Buckwalter continued into their second year of service. New volunteers have included Ms. Mel Schlobohm of Westfield, Wisconsin; Margaret Wheeler of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Glenn Martin of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; all of whom have added depth to our youth programming. During the summer months, we were revisited by Lee and Lucille Dale, who covered 32,000 square inches of window space on our parsonage and educational wing, plus having a reunion with 1974 volunteers Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dadd of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott of South Zanesville, Ohio. Additional efforts were added by volunteers, primarily related to the needs of the Nome Community Center, in the person of Ed Zager of New Richmond, Wisconsin, and Loman and Enid Young of Frankfort, Indiana. Loman provided the supervision necessary to complete the addition of more balcony space, a project which occupied our Saturdays from November to January of this year. The addition of the 14-foot wide space in the balcony, where an expanded used clothing store continues to function, brings the floor space in the facility to approximately 8262 square feet.

Much of the future remains unclear, as negotiations continue between the National Division and the Women's Division on the use of resources and property made possible by the sale of the hospital last year. It would be of historical interest to note

that Norton Sound Regional Hospital was occupied in April, with a total cost under 7 million dollars.

Special visitors in the parish included Jim and Jean Strathdee, musicians, who visited several places in Alaska, rendezvousing with Father Fred for their Nome performance.

Including the amount for pensions, the local contributions for the witness of the church increased from \$14,000 to \$21,000 in pledges. A real step forward in stewardship. However, inflation continues to keep ahead of the church and we will continue to need the support of the national church. We were fascinated to note that the total amount of money handled by our able treasurer, Mrs. Robert Baldwin, was \$70,000 during the 1977 church year. This is visible evidence of the amount of activity that is taking place through remodeling, camping, youth activities and community use of the facility through day care and housing.

Salmon Lake Bible Camp had 21 children, with seven staff members. The Anchorage and Homer Work Camp led a successful Vacation Bible School with 76 students and a staff of 20, plus adding some playground equipment to the front yard of the church.

Dr. Norman Shawchuck, on behalf of the Board of Discipleship, led a leadership development workshop in March, with 20 persons participating. Visitation by Clyde Chessnut of TM/UMR in March was stimulating, as he gained a grasp of the Nome Community Center, the local church and the part played by volunteers in the various programs.

Two members of our church participated in the Lay Speaker Training, with John Waghiyi, Sr., going to Fairbanks and Deaconess Priscilla Ringenburg going to Anchorage. John has accepted the position of lay leader for the coming year and Priscilla makes a strong impact on our local church as President of United Methodist Women, a teacher and participant where needed. We are grateful to have her in our midst. Her former experience in parsonage life makes her especially sensitive to some of the needs of the parish.

Annual visitation to Gambell (October) and Savoonga (February and March) helps us to maintain contact with the churches of our parish which are located there. There is a growing amount of sharing, both in personal relationships, as well as programming. Membership on the Board of Directors of RURALCAP, an appointment made by the Alaska Christian Conference, made it possible to travel to Kodiak and Juneau this past year. Again a bit of history; Barbara Shaffer gives witness of the concern of Christian people for all of life by standing for election to the Nome Common Council and winning, receiving the highest number of votes.

EAST ANCHORAGE Roger W. Thompson, Pastor

Our first year of financial independence, our 11th year of being, was a good year. With financial obligations met and programs fulfilled, we ended the year \$5,490 ahead of 1976 -- with a balance in all accounts in the amount of \$16,349.

Clearing the rolls - in keeping with Discipline requirements - show a decline in membership numbers of 36 over last year. This, however, has not greatly affected the strength of the church, as most were non-resident for some time. We do, however,

feel as if a part of us leaves when so many active members migrate to the lower 48.

Spiritually, I feel we have grown considerably with such programs as the Ten Brave Christians, the Lay Witness Mission and the resulting study and sharing groups.

Periodic evangelistic suppers followed by visitation provided a positive note in membership cultivation.

Outreach beyond the local congregation has been limited but valuable. Our continuing relations with our C.M.E. congregation has been a positive one. We hope for further community involvement. Special Advance offerings were generously supported and included Alaska's only contribution to the Golden Cross hospital support offering.

Music has been outstanding, adding quality to each worship service together with special events of fine quality. Also, congregational singing has been enhanced by the introduction of an auxiliary hymnal; not, however, a replacement for the Methodist Hymnal. The long-sought accompanist was found and his talent and presence add much to our music program.

Youth work has sprung ahead under new leadership in both MYF and JYF, with regular programs and special events.

Adult education has prospered under fine leadership, as has the whole Sunday School program.

The UMW continue their program in fine shape, assisting with our nursery program and generously giving to their mission programs.

I have thought we ought to have a United Methodist Men's Club, but presently feel that it is not a pressing priority as our co-ed approach seems to meet our needs.

Our participation in the Conference-wide Stewardship Campaign for local budgets and the minister's pension fund was most rewarding, exceeding our goals. It is gratifying to note that the whole mission is doing likewise, as we exceeded the Mission Goal by pledging over \$200,000 to the pension fund. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strathdee, directors for the Mission Campaign.

We continue to be comfortable in the nice parsonage provided, especially this year, as a new mattress and springs were purchased for the parsonage family and a new hot water heater was installed.

I wish to express my sincere and loving appreciation for the loyal and effective leadership and cooperative spirit exhibited by the members and friends of East Anchorage. Such Christian commitment and unselfish churchmanship has thrust East Anchorage into one of the leading United Methodist Churches in the mission.

Thank you again for the privilege of being your pastor.

NORTH STAR
R. Melvin Vostry, Worker-Priest

In a 1976 report on the United Methodist Church in Alaska, James Davis of the

National Division suggested several ways to reduce salary subsidy costs. One of his suggestions was the "Worker-Priest" form of ministry. For the past year North Star Church has been functioning under this arrangement. I feel that the "Worker-Priest" concept is a very valuable form of ministry. It does have limitations, unfortunately. These limitations are related to the type of community the church is located in and the type of "outside" work the minister has. All of us at North Star are aware of these limitations. We are thankful for the opportunity to use the "Worker-Priest" form of ministry but we feel the need to move on to a more effective arrangement. Therefore, North Star Church has pledged to underwrite the salary of the minister, beginning at a time agreed upon by the District Superintendent.

The persons of North Star are to be highly commended for their determination to make the "Worker-Priest" form of ministry work. North Star now has a Sunday School program that has the potential to force us into a larger building or "Sunday School alternatives." Church attendance has greatly increased. A Bible study and sharing group meets regularly on Thursdays. There is an unmistakable feeling that North Star is here for a purpose.

ANCHOR PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Davis, Pastor

Anchor Park has enjoyed a year in which its cup has been truly running over. Many persons have commented on the new spirit within the congregation that is best expressed in the phrase, "United in Worship, Education, Fellowship and Service."

Attendance has increased for almost all church activities. A variety of study programs have been offered for youth and adults. All-Church fellowship events have been provided at least monthly. And support of local and global missions has surpassed all expectations.

Among this year's highlights were: mid-week services during the summer; an 8-week vacation church school; a congregational visitation program; the Stewardship Crusade; meaningful Advent and Christmastide, the church-wide weekend at Birchwood; a youth Rock-a-Thon for hunger; the first Easter Sunrise Service and pancake breakfast in years; and World-Wide Wesley Day complete with a sermon by John Wesley.

Ongoing activities of special interest include Reading-Rap groups, a Prayer Chain, sharing group, Adult Orientation, UMYF, UMW and several educational opportunities for children through adults.

Anchor Park was naturally saddened when it had to say "Good-bye" to Ralph and Miriam Kleen. Soon, however, the church was swinging right along with the Davis Duo. LeRoy and Lucretia brought many new ideas and lots of energy and enthusiasm with them. Their contributions were quickly matched by the willingness and love of the congregation.

Perhaps the greatest shock of the year came with Lucretia deciding to leave Anchor Park and return to the lower 48, where she will eventually enter studies that will prepare her for a ministry in hospital chaplaincy. As saddened as we all were, we wish her God's blessing and success in every endeavor.

The coming year promises to be another one of "fullness and delight." The projections include a church-wide mission study, a training event in Relational Evangelism, a

Human Sexuality study for youth and adults, another church-wide weekend, leadership training and the remodeling of the church kitchen.

We solicit your prayers and good wishes as we move into another year of Christian service and dedication.

SAINT JOHN, ANCHORAGE
David K. Fison, Pastor

We began worshiping in our new unit two weeks before 1977 began. Everyone seems to enjoy the unique atmosphere provided by our large chancel window with its view of woods and mountains and ever-changing seasons. Often forest creatures enhance our worship. One Sunday a cow moose and three calves stepped out and seemed to join in our service. At Christmas time the spruce tree transplanted near the window was decorated with lights and when laden with snow was indeed a thing of beauty.

This new unit now connects our multi-purpose and educational wings and will be our narthex-lounge area when the sanctuary is built. This additional space has made more class rooms available in the multi-purpose area. The former two wings were dedicated and the new unit consecrated on Palm Sunday. The buildings were officially named at this time: St. Matthew Hall, St. Mark School and St. Luke Room. The St. John Sanctuary will be next, possibly in 1980. Former pastors shared in the ceremony. The parking area is to be paved in 1978 to complete the project. By then our indebtedness should be increased to about \$35,000.

Our finance crusade was inspiring. St. John people pledged the second highest amount of any church in the Mission, \$23,000. As this year draws to a close, we have achieved our goal and have become a self-supporting church. We also sponsor our own pre-school which has a reputation second to none in Anchorage.

We were pleased to be host church for our Ministers and Spouse Retreat in February. St. John has been a major booster of AMU and contributed 127 hours of labor at its opening, over \$1,500 in cash, five students and provided a dinner for all trustees and staff without cost.

Some other major items of interest include: continued seminars for adults on Sunday morning, seven major ones and nine shorter ones, all with professional leadership. Fifteen guest speakers provided variety for our worship. The pastor is now following the lectionary for scripture and preaching. Family activities include monthly potluck dinners; Lenten and Advent family nights; Polynesian Day luau feast with song and dance; the Nome Native Dancers; winter festival; for adults we have had special art and exercise groups; film and fellowship evenings; a prayer and study group; a men's breakfast that meets twice monthly; and our UMW includes also an evening section in a unified program.

Youth activities include: regular meetings; special events like Campbell Creek float and Halloween Party; providing worship for Sunday and summer camp participation. Our Sunday Church School, for the most part, has had team teaching with excellent staff. Our two handbell choirs provide a unique element for our worship; the Moravian Native Church uses our facilities on occasion.

Our people are growing in numbers and spirit; it has been a good year.

**BAYSHORE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(CAMPBELL LAKE)
John C. Garvin, Pastor**

At the 1977 Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference held in Juneau, Bishop Jack M. Tuell assigned Dr. John C. Garvin, an ordained United Methodist ministerial member of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference serving as the executive director of Alaska Children's Services, Inc., to initiate a new congregation in the Bayshore (Campbell Lake) residential area of southwest Anchorage. The new ministry was begun under the leadership of the Alaska Missionary Conference Superintendent, The Rev. Ac Wischmeier.

Bayshore is a planned residential subdivision with 350 families and a projected growth to 2400 families. St. John United Methodist Church is approximately five miles to the southeast and the Jewel Lake United Methodist-United Presbyterian Church is approximately three miles to the northwest. Approximately 1000 families now reside within a two-mile radius of Bayshore.

Dr. Garvin and his wife, Audrey, moved into a large home they purchased in Bayshore. It is centrally located and across the street from the Clubhouse. The first level was remodeled to serve as a worship/study center.

In January 1978, community visitation was begun, and on January 8, 1978 the first worship service was held with eleven persons in attendance. An organ was given by the First United Methodist Church of Anchorage and a generous contribution from Bishop Finis Crutchfield of the Texas Conference enabled the purchase of tables and chairs.

In March, 1978, Dr. Charles Williams, Provost, and the Rev. Dr. Asbury Lenox, Chairman of the Cabinet, of the Texas Conference, each spent one week with Dr. Garvin, visiting the neighborhood and providing valuable consultation on new church development.

Sunday worship attendance through the Spring of 1978 ranged between 15 and 25. Approximately 70 persons attended an Easter Sunday Sunrise worship, followed by breakfast at the Clubhouse.

In April, 1978, a down payment of \$18,575 was made on a three-acre parcel of land located at the entrance to the Bayshore Community and adjacent to the Elementary School. The plan is to construct a parsonage and church building for the new congregation by 1981.

By Annual Conference 1979, there should be at least 25 charter member families with annual giving in excess of \$15,000 toward building construction, local expenses and conference apportionments. A goal of 50 families by June, 1980, with contributions of \$30,000 is suggested. By 1981, there should be at least 80 families and annual giving in excess of \$100,000, with construction of a sanctuary completed and three-year pledges of \$250,000 from the local congregation. A full-time pastor should be appointed by or before the 1981 Annual Conference.

**TURNAGAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
William Trudeau, Pastor**

The past twelve months have included important mileposts on Turnagain's jour-

ney:

1. Our church school attendance is up more than 50% over last year.
2. With the institution of a second worship service, attendance there has increased nearly 30% when compared to the same period a year ago.
3. The second service has provided a more traditional ministry and therefore assisted in the outreach of the congregation to both ends of the worship spectrum.
4. Butterfly Day Care Center has begun to pay rent for use of the facility, and this has allowed some necessary improvements in the maintenance of the building.
5. The parsonage mortgage is paid off and we have begun to look at program and facility advances. A year of rather intense study of program direction, facility needs and organization pattern is to begin soon.
6. We hired a member of the congregation, who is seminary bound this fall, to work as an intern. Anne Weld has helped us expand a music program, a ministry to women in the church and the pastoral care program of the congregation.
7. Two Turnagainites completed the Lay Speakers' Training Program and we hope will be consecrated in June at Annual Conference.
8. A second adult class has been started with a focus on Bible Study.
9. The Council on Ministries, and work areas, have been especially positive, looking at long-range objectives and increasing ministries in teacher recruitment and training, child abuse information, mission education and new member information.
10. The financial campaign has given a structure and motivation to be more intentional about our support of the church.

We have been quite fortunate to have had a consistent financial base for the last four years. The congregation is now beginning to measure its financial responsibility beyond the "safe" harbor of maintenance and basic program. We have assumed a share in the Birchwood Camp and are leading a youth workcamp to Hope again this summer.

Turnagain continues to be a church in which mobility is a key factor. Many leaders have gone to serve as Turnagain's mission to other congregations. And we have been most fortunate to have received the mission of other congregations as people move to our area. A core of leadership which continues to be a part of this congregation have remained strong, as well as sensitive to the gifts brought in by new participants.

This summer, the pastor leaves for his second summer of study in an S.T.D. program in San Francisco. Rev. Ed Zager, from Wisconsin, is returning to Alaska to serve as pastoral supply for the summer. This "educational experience" should be most helpful to pastor and congregation alike.

The congregation is looking forward to the possibility of hiring either an intern or community worker in the future. The Council and Administrative Board feel that Turnagain has a significant opportunity to minister to the needs of young families and children in the area and the program and personal resources to make such a ministry count. Finances may well be the biggest factor in our ability to make the program "fly."

In response to a community school project to do some coordination of volunteers in the Turnagain area, this congregation is taking leadership in the development of a Turnagain Council of Churches: a forum to provide the institutional churches of the area with a way to influence the quality of community life.

D. Institutions

ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Alaska Methodist University, created as an outreach mission of the United Methodist Church in 1958, has moved forward on the objectives defined or reaffirmed by the Board of Trustees in March, 1977, when the decision was made to continue the postsecondary educational objectives of the institution. Assuming the presidency in June of that year, Dr. Glenn A. Olds quickly assembled a functional administrative staff, defined the "New Plan of Education," which had been approved by the Board, and academic programs were resumed in September. Ninety-six students enrolled; that number increased to 186 in the Spring Semester. More than 200 enrollments are anticipated for the 1978-79 academic year. A Master of Liberal Arts Program was instituted in consortium with Southern Methodist University, and about one-third of AMU's students are enrolled in that program. A doctorate in Education is currently being negotiated with the University of Southern California. Nearly all of the new faculty serve in an adjunct capacity, with a majority of those being "pracademics," or professional businessmen involved in collegiate education, but at least one new full-time core faculty member will be appointed for the Fall Semester. Five of the six key administrators teach as a part of their regular assignment, two in the MLA Program. There will be no tenure for teachers, instead they will be expected to insure their job security by maintaining satisfactory efficiency. In February, 1978, the new Executive Dean for Academic Affairs, Dr. Raghbir S. Basi of Kent State University's Center for Peaceful Change, assumed charge of the University's educational programs. AMU was dropped from membership in the Northwest Accrediting Association after it had suspended its academic program in 1976, but in December, 1977 Candidacy Status was awarded by the Association after the U.S. Commissioner of Education granted special eligibility to the school based on an extensive site-evaluation and self-study. Eligibility for all federal and State of Alaska programs of assistance have also been fully restored. There are several new programs in various stages of implementation at AMU which will greatly add to the University's service capability to the community.

ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Alaska Children's Services (ACS) is an ecumenical agency dedicated to serving the needs of Alaska's troubled children and their families as a specialized ministry for the church. Since its founding in 1970, ACS has been a leading advocate for the welfare of children in Alaska. This past year has been one of substantial growth and progress; highlights of the year can be summarized as follows:

Agency Performance. In December of 1977, ACS was granted full membership in the Child Welfare League of America. ACS is the only agency in the state that has met these internationally recognized professional standards. Our work has increased visibility and credibility in the Anchorage metropolitan area due to the success of our '77 Fund Campaign; \$1,250,000 was pledged to provide capital funds to help ACS expand its program of care; \$650,000 will have been paid by the end of this calendar year on campaign pledges.

Projects and Personnel. Dr. John Garvin has continued to provide aggressive and effective leadership for the total agency. The ACS Board has made a policy decision that the efforts of the agency will be concentrated in an area providing quality emergency and residential care. A Director of Clinical Services will be added to the staff

during the coming fiscal year. Two projects that have been launched and developed by ACS since the early 70's will "spin off" as separate units at the end of this conference year. The Center for Children and Parents under the direction of Dr. Robert Nelson, which has developed specialized counseling services, play therapy and parenting classes for abusive families, will merge with the Anchorage Child Abuse Board. Iiulik Family and Health Services (IFHS), begun as a pilot project in community organization by ACS with funding from the Board of Global Ministries in 1971, has developed into a model rural health and social services program. IFHS now operates a health clinic, day care center and social services counseling programs under the direction of Lois Bereskin and a strong local Board. IFHS will have no official administrative relationship to ACS or the BOGM after 6/30/78 . . . Our Emergency Receiving Home, started as a temporary project some 30 months ago, is meeting a great need in providing crisis care for abused, neglected and abandoned children. In calendar '77, 438 children were served; statistics for the first quarter of '78 indicate a 36% increase in placements. . . . Reverend Robert Bowers has brought his 11 years of experience as an Alaskan pastor and a leading citizen advocate in state mental health policy to the directorship of the Youth Services Center, our short-term crisis facility for 20 teenagers . . . Glen Wright, who did an excellent job as Director of IFHS (1975-77), joined the staff this past June as Director of Properties. . . . The children and staff of the Jesse Lee Home are eagerly looking forward to construction this summer of the new Activity Center that will provide Jesse Lee with "real" classrooms for its school program and a badly needed gymnasium.

Relationship to the UMC. Our work this year has been enhanced by the presence of several volunteers placed through United Methodist and ecumenical agencies. United Methodists Judy Crane and Leslie Wuest have been placed by LAOS to serve a one-year term at the Youth Services Center and the Jesse Lee Home, respectively. Robert and Lindy Burnett have been placed by the National Division "US-2" missionaries and have provided able assistance in religious education and recreation at the Jesse Lee Home. . . This past summer, 41 United Methodist youth and adults from the San Diego District (Pacific and Southwest Conference,) Logansport District (North Indiana Conference) and Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, gave over 1,400 hours of voluntary service in painting and maintenance work at the Youth Services Center, the Jesse Lee Home and our group homes . . . United Methodist church and individuals in Anchorage and throughout the conference have been exceptionally supportive during a year of tremendous demand on our ACS staff and Board . . . We are deeply grateful for the leadership given to our agency by outstanding United Methodist individuals, including O. Glenn Simpson, who gave outstanding leadership to our '77 Fund Campaign; and Jean Stassel, who has given six and a half years of dedicated service to our agency as a member and officer of our Board. ACS is proud to be a ministry of the United Methodist Church.

NOME COMMUNITY CENTER
Rose Ann Timbers, Director

This fiscal year 1977-78 has been one of great accomplishments in the work of the Center. We share a deep sense of gratitude from everyone participating in helping improve our services to the people of Nome.

The staff, board, funding sources, and friends can be proud of the services the Center provides.

The Center, along with the UMC Board of Global Ministries, enlisted the support

of volunteers Loman and Enid Young. Their talents, energy and personality are a blessing to our work. Enid volunteers at the Day Care Center and Loman has completely remodeled our Senior Citizens Hall, Seaview apartments, and does work on our other facilities. This has enabled our facilities to provide improved services for seniors in having a bathing facility, improved laundry services, art & crafts room and completely remodeled kitchen to adequately service our nutrition program. The Seaview Apartment building has three apartments used by our volunteers and staff.

The financial base of the Center is with four grants. Office on Aging still funds our Senior Citizens Program, which provides nutrition, recreation, transportation, companionship/visitation, bi-lingual services and many other needed services. LEAA Criminal Justice Planning Agency funds a diversion program, the first of its kind in the state, which basically offers an alternative to the regular channels of the criminal justice system for youth who have been arrested or who are considered potential delinquents. In lieu of adjudication or incarceration, the youths are directed either formally by the Court or informally by the Probation Officer to participate in the Diversion Program. What the program has to offer these youths is regular informal counseling sessions, weekly group therapy meetings, assistance in work placement in a volunteer or paid position and structured recreational activities. It is hoped that as a result of involvement in the program a troubled youth will become more aware of his situation, gain healthy self-confidence and see himself not as a delinquent, but as a significant contributing member of the community. National Institute of Drug Abuse funds our program for another year for a drug alternative resource for juveniles 13-18, which includes education, family and community involvement, teen center, arts & crafts and outdoor recreation programs. The City currently funds, with limited funding, the city-wide recreation program, which includes a softball league for 100 youths, ice-skating rink, gym/athletic programs for 350, special events and tournaments. Recreation programs are designed for adults as well as the different youth groups. The Board of Global Ministries and Annual Conference still remain a great support, with their guidance, spirit and staff, to the center.

The Teen Center facility, with funds from the Board of Global Ministries, has remodeled the teen center completely, with ceiling insulation and a furnace overhaul. The usable space has doubled and remodeling included: Partitions put up to create a reading room, new cabinets installed for storage of craft supplies and projects, exterior doors replaced with metal doors and safety hardware, all ceilings were sprayed with acoustical spray, all walls were painted and carpeting laid in all but the game room. The staff and youth are very pleased with the new look and added conveniences.

Our proposal for a new community center building was approved by the Board of Global Ministries, and they approved \$250,000 to construct the new facility. The Center had hoped to build last construction season, but the requirements for the building by the New York office delayed this until this building season, so we are faced with: higher cost of building the building, having to secure a performance bond, the property exchange between Women's Division and National Division, a sprinkler system, and the board and staff are currently looking for alternate funding as well as support from the community to secure our building for this season. We have been receiving support from Advance Specials which has helped us tremendously.

The board held elections in May and the new executive committee members are Barbara Oleson, President, John Shaffer, Vice-President, Chuck Fagerstrom, Treasurer, and Julie Farley, Secretary. We are looking forward to a new year with an active

executive committee which will be developing and evaluating programs operating out of the Center.

The Center's new goals are to work for a program for women and to continue to seek funds for a summer camp for youth. We have received funding from United Methodist Women from Cambridge, Ohio, and from the Youth Ministries to aid us in our efforts.

We give thanks to everyone who has made this year a fascinating one for the Center's programs.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES, FAIRBANKS

Religious Preference Cards were distributed in dorms; 900 distributed, 76 returned. Local Pastors were given names of students for the purpose of worship and fellowship. The names and addresses of all who responded were distributed to each person who returned a religious preference card.

UMC sponsored five student retreats at night and one for faculty, staff and others (non-students.)

A small group of students and staff meet daily for prayer at noon in UCM offices.

Two Engaged Encounters for pre-marriage preparation were held in January and May.

Prayer Renewal Workshop at University Community Presbyterian Church, directed by Carolyn Winters, UCM President, was attended by students and others from the University.

Seder Meal, which is a commemoration of Jewish Passover Meal, was held at Passover.

Baccalaureate Service for Commencement Day and a joint brunch with students, parents, chancellor and guests is being arranged.

WESLEYAN NURSING HOME, SEWARD

Mildred Pelch, Administrator

Activities of interest during the last year have centered around the upgrading of the facility and continuing to provide the residents the love and care that they need.

A 32X42 ft. addition to the present dining room, with administrative offices above the addition, was completed in November. A second day room is now available for the resident's use in the area where the administrative offices were located before moving.

Plans are being implemented for the remodeling of the existing kitchen area. The kitchen will be remodeled to be more efficient and will have new equipment that the Nursing Home can utilize for preparing and serving meals.

In the near future a chapel will be made in a room near the day room on the main

floor for use by the residents and their families and for use by the staff.

We are pleased to report that our census for the past year was 101 per cent.

BIRCHWOOD CAMP
Pat Evans, Chairman, Program Council

The Birchwood Camp Program Council continues to be an active, ecumenical group, representing many of the churches in Anchorage and the surrounding area.

The 1977 summer camping program offered many varied opportunities for both resident and trail camps. Approximately 175 persons participated in these camps.

The 1978 camping program began early with a Senior High weekend in March and a Young Adult Camp planned for late April. Brochures have been distributed to many churches in Alaska and our hope is to see an even greater involvement this year.

Lee Nelson, from Anchor Park United Methodist Church, and vice-chairman of the Program Council, attended the United Methodist National Camp Conference in California in February. He came back with tremendous enthusiasm and lots of information which we will be using in future program development.

The following long-range planning goals have been recommended by the Program Council:

- Continual upgrading and additions to recreation, craft and camping equipment.
- Expanding of programs to include fall, winter and spring camps.
- A resident summer staff, including director, cooks, lifeguard and dishwasher by the summer of 1979.

BIRCHWOOD CAMP
Dale Davidson, Chairman, Board of Directors

Camp use for the year 1977 has increased. The Lodge was used 54 times, 11 more than 1976.

We were fortunate to have Ed Zager spend some volunteer time at camp this summer. Many small maintenance jobs were completed during his stay.

A lifeguard was recruited for a full-time position and maintenance jobs were completed when he was not overseeing the swimming.

Some major improvements have been accomplished. A new furnace room was constructed under the Lodge which increased the usable space in both the shower house and storeroom behind the kitchen. A new pump was installed in the well and Caribou Cabin got new wiring.

Some projects that are planned for the summer include insulating the floor of the Lodge and improving the heating system in the main Lodge.

A committee has been appointed to formulate a long-range Master Plan. It will be made up of three people from the Program Council and three people from the Board

of Directors, plus the Camp Manager. We are grateful to all who helped make our camp successful and are looking forward to another busy year.

VI. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

A. Council on Finance and Administration

Barbara Shaffer, President

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the 1977 concluding statistics be used to produce the 1978 grade point figures.
2. That all requests for funds from the conference budget shall be submitted to the Council at its spring meeting.
3. That the superintendent's salary be determined at the rate of 150% of the base salary for non-self-supporting churches, plus the appropriate amount for years of service and all benefits provided pastors.
4. That the total amount for salary subsidy be set at \$47,448, which is the request of the Equitable Salary Committee this year.
5. That the total budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference for 1979 be \$116,521; including \$111,021 from the Alaska Missionary Conference, \$600 from CCYM, \$55,000 from the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries, and \$500 from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
6. That the Grade Point Figure for the local churches be derived as follows:

The Grade Point Figure equals the average of the Membership Grade Figure and the Local Expense Grade Figure.

The Membership Grade Figure equals total church membership divided by the total Alaska Missionary Conference membership at the end of the calendar year.

Local Expense Grade Figure equals individual church expenditure divided by total expenditure of all Alaska Missionary Conference churches of the last calendar year. Local expenses shall include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvements and benevolences,) church school administration, materials and supplies, and local paid portions of the pastor's salary and travel expenses.

Each local church has the right to appeal to the Council on Finance and Administration concerning the amounts assessed if there are unusual circumstances which should be considered, provided this appeal be made prior to the spring meeting of the Council before the Grade Point Figures are published.

7. That the apportionments set by the General Council on Finance and Administration for our Conference be accepted for the 1979 calendar year.

8. That the Alaska Missionary Conference office mail quarterly reports of all mo-

nies apportioned and received to the National Division, the Bishop and to appropriate local church personnel.

9. That all cash balances in expenditure divisions of the Conference budget revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, except funds received for Christian Education Offerings, from Audio-Visual Library fees, from CCYM, and for Ministerial Education Fund, as well as funds designated for Native Ministries, which may be held over to the next year.

10. That all churches participate in Advance Special giving, including the Missional Priorities: Hunger and Ethnic Minority Local Churches.

11. That the churches give vigorous support to all United Methodist Institutions in Alaska, and that an annual United Methodist Institutions Sunday be observed, the date being recommended by the Council on Ministries.

12. That we draw attention of all churches to the policy of the National Division that all churches receiving funds to supplement the amount paid by the church for the pastor's salary shall conduct an Annual Every Member Visitation.

13. Recognizing that the changing priorities of the National Division require the acceptance of increasing financial responsibilities on the part of Alaska churches, we urge the aggressive development of increased local financial support.

B. Equitable Salary Committee

Sally Lowery, Chairman

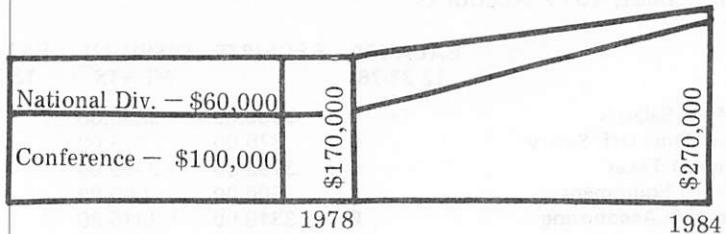
Responsibilities for the Equitable Salary Committee this year included review of subsidy requests from non-self-supporting churches, setting goals for conference self-sufficient status by 1984, and review of the "Real Salary Earned" study for use in setting base salaries.

As a result of the Financial Crusade led by Rev. Strathdee, there are expected to be four churches on non-self-support status: Homer, Nome, Seward and Sitka. Subsidy requests were approved by the committee.

In view of the rapidly diminishing financial support from National Division of Global Ministries to AMC, the need for self-sufficiency is critical. The current funding for 1977 from National Division is \$82,500 and is anticipated to diminish by at least \$10,000 annually. Projections of the conference operations expenses through 1984 were based on an 8% annual increase as follows:

1978 - \$170,000	1981 - \$215,000
1979 - \$184,000	1982 - \$232,000
1980 - \$199,000	1983 - \$250,000
1984 - \$270,000	

These projections will be charted together to show the total increase needed by apportionments from local AMC churches, approximately \$25,000 annually! We have a heavy load ahead according to the chart below:



Review of the "Real Salary Earned" study included figures prepared by Harold Sedrel, management consultant specializing in church personnel matters. The "Real Salary Earned" method of judging salary levels is based on the median income level of each community, rather than on the Cost of Living Indexes. "Real Salary Earned" is the total of cash salary received, plus housing and all fringe benefits, which would normally be paid by any breadwinner. Median Income levels for the communities served by our churches, as reported by Mr. Sedrel, ranged from \$22,825 to \$33,050, and can be used only as a guide in computing salaries for pastors. More information will be presented at conference to assist local churches.

The Equitable Salary Committee recommended that the base salary for 1979 shall be raised \$1200.00 over 1978 (\$10,000) to \$11,200.00, using a 12% increase.



C. Balance Sheet, 1977 Accounts

ACCT. NO.	BALANCE 12-31-76	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE 12-31-77
101 Office Salaries	0	9800.00	9800.00	0
101A Part Time Off. Salary	0	375.00	375.00	0
102 Payroll Taxes	0	3199.00	3199.00	0
200 Office Equipment	0	500.00	500.00	0
201 Legal & Accounting	0	3316.00	3316.00	0
202 Office Operating	0	6182.00	6182.00	0
204 Office Rent	0	6240.00	6240.00	0
205 Display Advertising	135.90	3243.89	3086.76	293.33
301 Supt. Salary	0	15800.00	15800.00	0
302A Supt. Car Allowance	0	1100.00	1100.00	0
302B Supt. Travel	0	7342.90	7342.90	0
302C Supt. Social Security	0	652.00	652.00	0
303 Supt. Entertainment	0	650.00	650.00	0
304 Supt. Utilities	0	1419.19	1419.19	0
305 Supt. Hosp. Insurance	0	564.00	564.00	0
306 Supt. Pension Fund	0	575.00	575.00	0
501 Mission Vehicles	0	1775.00	1775.00	0
600 Nome Special Fund	5734.89	0	1000.00	4734.89
601 Minority Children	3725.99	30.00	1634.88	2121.11
602 Nome, Eskimo Youth Worker	0	1500.00	0	1500.00
700 Pastor Salary Sharing	600.00	8683.38	9283.38	0
701 Home Mission Revolving	(570.00)	36487.85	34722.87	1194.98
706 Chugiak	0	3000.00	3000.00	0
708 Homer	0	3000.00	3000.00	0
710 Soldotna	0	4849.50	4849.50	0
710A North Star	0	4849.50	4849.50	0
712 St. John	0	2500.00	2500.00	0
713 Nome	0	11954.00	11954.00	0
714 Seward	0	7740.00	7740.00	0
717 United Campus Ministry	0	7056.00	7056.00	0
720 Sitka	0	7310.00	7310.00	0
721 Native Ministry Salary	3983.00	2298.00	6287.00	0
722 Coordinator, C. on Min.	2154.45	3000.00	3000.00	2154.45
800 Moving Fund	0	20802.45	20802.45	0
802 Annual Meeting	2380.34	10143.74	12524.08	0
805 Palmer Airline Acct.	332.95	0	0	332.95
806 Birchwood Camp	0	1000.00	1000.00	0
808 Undesignated	0	641.71	641.71	0
1101 Church Extension Revolv.	837.43	1700.74	557.32	1980.85
1203 Kenai Project	1515.47	0	0	1515.47
1208 Soldotna Project	1529.07	621.15	0	2150.22
1215 Sitka Project	1170.00	0	0	1170.00
1216 Seldovia Project	48.51	0	0	48.51
1218 Hope Project	388.93	0	0	388.93
1222 St. John Project	1441.00	0	1441.00	0
1230 Bay Shore West	0	716.00	161.25	554.75
1304 N. Kenai Parsonage	340.00	0	0	340.00
1308 Wesley House, UCM	375.00	1875.00	3474.64	(1224.64)
1320 Duplex, Anchorage	5712.54	9163.06	9732.32	5143.28
1525 Moose Pass Project	7084.20	0	0	7084.20
2000 Ministerial Support	0	34844.95	34844.95	0
PAGE TOTALS	38925.67	248501.01	255943.40	31483.28

ACCT. NO.		BALANCE 12-31-76	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE-MENTS	BALANCE 12-31-77
2012	Pension & Death Benefit	23.96	9201.04	8650.00	575.00
2020	Pension Crusade	(569.26)	22764.34	15872.01	6323.07
3020	Connectional Admin.	0	18287.00	18287.00	0
3030	Minis. Continuing Educ.	129.82	602.50	306.50	425.82
4030	World Service	0	24256.00	24256.00	0
4032	Gen. Advance Specials	0	3978.39	3978.39	0
4033	One Great Hour	0	7241.89	7241.89	0
4034	World Wide Communion	0	1218.97	1218.97	0
4036	Meth. Student Day	0	730.07	730.07	0
4038	Human Relations Day	0	449.60	449.60	0
4039	A.M.U.	0	564.00	564.00	0
4041	Reconciliation Fund	396.66	0	0	396.66
4044	Christian Education Sun.	435.77	338.86	88.50	696.13
4047	AK Children's Services	0	214.50	214.50	0
4048	Conf. Advance Specials	1580.24	8334.31	9914.55	0
4049	Native AK Ministries	8261.36	6260.00	24.46	14496.90
4050	Pipeline Chaplain	1895.93	0	0	1895.93
4070	World Hunger	0	4831.96	4831.96	0
4080	Ethnic Min. Local Ch.	0	1503.85	1503.85	0
5001	Christian Soc. Resp.	0	550.00	550.00	0
5021A	Camping - Nome	0	120.00	120.00	0
5021B	Camping - Southeast	0	400.00	400.00	0
5021C	Camping - Birchwood	0	300.00	300.00	0
5021D	Camping - Fairbanks	0	160.00	160.00	0
5022	Univ. Comm. Minis. (Anch.)	0	4076.00	4076.00	0
5023	A.V. Library	75.28	556.50	452.94	178.84
5024	Education	0	250.00	250.00	0
5025	Worship	0	100.00	100.00	0
5026	Christian Nurture Admin.	0	30.00	30.00	0
5030	Lay Activities	(13.98)	5102.03	5088.05	0
5041	Ecumenical Affairs	0	1354.69	1354.69	0
5042	Missions	0	275.00	275.00	0
5043	Evangelism	0	61.35	61.35	0
5050	Pastor/Spouse Retreat	0	5037.00	5037.00	0
5060	Helpshops	67.01	39.75	8.50	98.26
5060A	Co. on Min., travel	0	2576.85	2576.85	0
5060B	Co. on Min., bridge	0	1500.00	1500.00	0
5060C	Co. on Min., Coordin. Exp.	0	2355.00	2355.00	0
5065	Historical Society	0	200.00	200.00	0
5070*	Contingency Funds	11911.86	5463.72	586.19	16789.39
5080	Fin. & Admin. Expense	0	957.90	957.90	0
5091*	Special Fund	200.00	0	200.00	0
5100	Cache of Songbooks	242.59	0	242.59	0
5101*	Servicemen's Fund	1060.00	0	0	1060.00
5103	UM Youth Fund	393.16	0	0	393.16
5103A	UM Youth Min. Coun.	975.00	4858.56	5833.56	0
5103B	UM Youth - S.E. Conv.	0	500.00	500.00	0
5103C	UM Youth - C.C. Conv.	0	250.00	250.00	0
5103D	UM Honduras Workshop	0	200.00	200.00	0
5104	Special Projects	0	261.00	261.00	0
5200	Conf. Benevolent Reser.	4660.19	16564.15	12789.00	8435.34
5716	Hosp. Insurance	(712.68)	13444.05	12520.31	211.06
PAGE TOTALS		31012.91	178320.83	157368.18	51965.56

* Includes Designated Funds

D. Statistics and Financial Tables of the Churches

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Church and Pastor	Church Membership												Church School						
	Total members reported at close of last year	Received On Com. Of Faith	Received from other UMC	Received from other denom.	Removed by Ch. Of Sect. or withdrawn	Removed by transfer to other UMC	Removed by transfer to other denom.	Removed by death	Total members at close of this year	Avg. attendance during regular worship ser.	No. baptized this year	Prod. numbers now on roll	No. regns on Constit. roll	Total enrold in confirmation classes	No. of Leaders	Children in all classes & grps. (B-6th grade)	Youth, all classes & grps.	Adults, all classes & grps.	
Anchorage Area:																			
Anchor Park																			
LeRoy & Lucretia Davis	245	13	19	1	19	19	4	0	236	120	3	49	47	12	16	34	15	36	
Chugach																			
Gregory Eicher	97	3	6	1	0	2	0	0	105	81	8	54	75	10	13	80	23	33	
East Anchorage																			
Roger W. Thompson	274	12	11	9	50	28	3	5	220	135	7	69	65	1	31	91	37	34	
First Anchorage																			
Bruce Bartel																			
Barbara Eicher																			
Girdwood																			
Donald L. Hartman	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	23	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*Jewel Lake																			
Donald L. Hartman	69	6	5	3	4	0	0	1	78	53	3	37	11	2	4	40	15	6	
St. John																			
David K. Fison																			
Turnagain																			
William G. Trudeau	185	15	24	6	10	12	3	0	205	138	14	68	80	5	16	85	27	50	
Fairbanks Area:																			
First Fairbanks																			
Paul D. Jewell	504	22	27	3	9	29	2	0	516	271	27	165	80	12	25	140	40	74	
Kenai Peninsula:																			
Homer																			
Keith B. Wise	61	0	0	4	0	3	0	2	60	73	3	0	0	0	11	41	23	25	
Ninilchik																			
Keith B. Wise	32	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	31	22	1	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	
Seldovia																			
Keith B. Wise	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kenai																			
Arthur P. Knight																			
North Star																			
R. Melvin Vostry	171	5	6	0	26	6	2	0	148	81	2	101	48	5	14	40	19	11	
Soldotna																			
Dennis B. Holway	29	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	28	17	0	9	0	0	4	16	5	5	
Seward																			
Revelle E. Roach																			
Moose Pass																			
Revelle E. Roach	141	2	4	5	47	4	5	1	95	60	7	45	40	16	10	25	10	15	
Nome Area:																			
Nome Community																			
John J. Shaffer	105	2	7	4	58	3	0	3	54	33	5	17	9	3	5	17	4	4	
Southeast:																			
Douglas																			
Robert H. McNabb	85	5	3	0	0	4	0	1	88	65	5	32	58	0	7	18	12	12	
*Juneau-Northern Light																			
John R. Tindell	172	4	4	3	1	1	0	1	180	75	4	29	60	3	7	18	10	21	
Ketchikan																			
Max W. Cramer																			
Sitka																			
Roger D. Robison	290	9	3	6	0	2	0	1	305	100	6	49	69	9	15	58	21	22	
Total	3324	147	156	58	279	143	25	21	3217	1757	130	1036	845	138	223	899	335	431	
Total Last Year	3417	162	152	78	320	127	38	9	3324	1725	126	1090	861	77	227	853	293	404	
Increase				4		16		12		32	4		61		46		42	27	
Decrease		93	15		20	41		13		107		54	16		4				

*Half reported - United Methodist and Presbyterian Churches

Total church school memb.	Avg. attendance Sun. Ch. school	Avg. attendance un-sung-gassos and groups	Avg. attend. short-term classes & gips.	Members joining on Conf. of faith in UMM	UMW Membership in UMW	Property and Other Assets							Other indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)
						Amount pd. for work, C.I.W. com.	Value of church land, buildings and equipment	Value of church owned patioses and furniture	Value of other assets securities, office property, etc.)	Indebtedness on land, buildings, equipment, turn. and other assets	Church and Pastor		
85	63	25	45	5 0	25	250	480000	84000	6500	18135	0	Anchorage Area:	
149	77	0	105	0 0	15	270	348400	78500	6576	0	0	Anchor Park	LeRoy & Lucretia Davis
183	104	20	10	0 0	28	285	436000	60000	5368	74075	10686	Chugiak	Gregory Eicher
109	69	99	147	3 16	56	631	1200000	103681	412000	54139	0	East Anchorage	Roger W. Thompson
0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	40000	0	0	0	0	First Anchorage	Bruce Bartel
65	20	15	15	2 0	0	0	100000	47000	5000	34000	0	Girdwood	Barbara Eicher
178	125	11	9	5 0	14	900	510000	80000	4426	11930	0	Donald L. Hartman	*Jewel Lake
115	68	20	54	2 0	0	52	900000	93000	2100	200	0	Donald L. Hartman	St. John
279	157	20	183	8 0	38	2014	750000	75000	21424	39000	0	David K. Fison	Turnagain
												William G. Trudeau	
												Fairbanks Area:	
												First Fairbanks	
												Paul D. Jewell	
												Kenai Peninsula:	
100	70	0	93	0 0	16	127	210000	80000	13407	0	0	Homer	Keith B. Wise
10	5	0	0	0 0	0	0	88000	0	5000	0	0	Ninilchik	Keith B. Wise
0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	80000	0	0	0	0	Seldovia	Keith B. Wise
84	53	14	8	5 0	23	379	329350	58700	785	3994	610	Kenai	Arthur P. Knight
30	12	4	0	0 0	0	0	29450	16000	5438	0	0	North Star	R. Melvin Vostry
60	22	31	30	6 0	36	350	103000	72000	3575	9051	0	Soldotna	Dennis B. Holway
30	14	8	11	0 0	13	340	135000	75000	20000	0	0	Seward	Revelle E. Roach
0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	30000	0	0	0	0	Moose Pass	Revelle E. Roach
												Nome Area:	
												Nome Community	
89	30	35	115	0 0	22	2260	455000	75000	54500	0	0	John J. Shaffer	
												Southeast:	
49	21	10	8	0 0	17	488	158000	59000	20000	0	0	Douglas	Robert H. McNabb
56	41	10	10	3 0	11	1646	315000	0	25000	2000	0	*Juneau-Northern Light	John R. Tindell
116	59	36	7	9 0	13	404	450000	57000	5000	0	0	Ketchikan	Max W. Cramer
68	34	10	18	8 0	9	35	230000	75000	5000	0	0	Sitka	Roger D. Robison
1855	1044	278	868	56 16	336	10431	7377200	1188881	621099	246526	11296	Total	
1746	1069	238	520	61 0	313	8499	6980250	1127557	622178	262181	21668	Total Last Year	
109		40	348	16	23	1932	396950	61324	1079	15655	10372	Increase Decrease	

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Church and Pastor	Local Church Expenditures					UMW	Ministerial Support				Pastor's Utilities and other Csh Allowances Paid
	Principal and Interest on Buildings	Paid on Buildings and Improvements	Current expenses for Program (including Church School)	Other Current Operating Expenses	Benevolences Paid Directly by Local Church		Pastor's Salary	Associate's Salary	Amount Set 	Amount Paid Set	
Anchorage Area:											
Anchor Park											
LeRoy & Lucretia Davis	5880	8452	4336	21276	0	611	15000	10125	0	0	10125
Chugiak											1330
Gregory Eicher	4031	0	1013	5347	1401	374	5350	5350	0	0	5350
East Anchorage											1174
Roger W. Thompson	4715	5797	4537	14564	385	1028	12654	12654	0	0	12654
First Anchorage											
Bruce Bartel											
Barbara Eicher	11436	0	3739	28581	851	2772	14652	14652	5026	5026	19678
Girdwood											
Donald L. Hartman	0	32	9	338	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Jewel Lake											
Donald L. Hartman	1963	0	706	3198	0	0	5776	5776	0	0	5776
St. John											
David K. Fison	9989	714	3344	9601	1864	208	9352	9352	0	0	9352
Turnagain											
William G. Trudeau	7469	566	3159	21952	1869	280	13119	13119	0	0	13119
Fairbanks Area:											
First Fairbanks											
Paul D. Jewell	19286	0	9147	36614	3642	2291	17696	17696	0	0	17696
Kenai Peninsula:											
Homer											
Keith B. Wise	0	333	3021	5825	597	192	4039	4039	0	0	4039
Ninilchik											
Keith B. Wise	0	107	474	1516	0	0	1700	1700	0	0	1700
Seldovia											
Keith B. Wise	0	0	0	505	0	0	200	200	0	0	200
Kenai											
Arthur P. Knight	4986	158	1231	8110	450	527	10720	10720	0	0	10720
North Star											
R. Melvin Vostry	0	0	291	3177	200	0	693	693	0	0	693
Soldotna											
Dennis B. Holway	5584	5984	2109	5139	596	105	4494	4494	0	0	4494
Seward											
Revelle E. Roach	0	1195	682	4257	60	220	4949	4949	0	0	4949
Moose Pass											
Revelle E. Roach	0	0	0	444	0	0	665	665	0	0	665
Nome Area:											
Nome Community											
John J. Shaffer	0	135	2252	15532	50	725	4990	4990	0	0	4990
Southeast:											
Douglas											
Robert H. McNabb	0	0	1660	5143	255	355	11852	11852	0	0	11852
*Juneau-Northern Light											
John R. Tindell	480	2800	4786	15807	325	805	8850	8850	0	0	8850
Ketchikan											
Max W. Cramer	0	0	1621	17374	0	327	14691	14691	0	0	14691
Sitka											
Roger D. Robison	0	220	854	3867	50	50	4542	4542	0	0	4542
*Half reported - United Methodist and Presbyterian Churches											
Total	75819	26493	48971	227447	12595	10870	165984	161109	5026	5026	166135
Total Last Year	70057	68305	22431	217174	16529	9211	148447	147386	0	0	147386
Increase	5762			26540	10273	1659	17537	13723	5026	5026	18749
Decrease				41812		3934					628

Connect. Benevolences													Church and Pastor			
Total Paid		Pastor's Travel		Associate's Travel		Admin. Funds		World Service and Conference Benevolences		Missions Projects Fund		General Advance Special Gifts		Total		
						Paid	Appointed	Paid	Appointed	Paid	Missions Projects Paid	General Advance Paid	Special Gifts			
1330	1900	0	1900	2440	2440	1141	1141	1495	1495	1149	367	367		Anchorage Area:		
														Anchor Park		
														LeRoy & Lucretia Davis		
														Chugiak		
														Gregory Eicher		
														East Anchorage		
														Roger W. Thompson		
														First Anchorage		
														Bruce Bartel		
														Barbara Eicher		
														Girdwood		
														Donald L. Hartman		
														*Jewel Lake		
														Donald L. Hartman		
														St. John		
														David K. Fison		
														Turnagain		
														William G. Trudeau		
														Fairbanks Area:		
														First Fairbanks		
														Paul D. Jewell		
														Kenai Peninsula:		
														Homer		
														Keith B. Wise		
														Ninilchik		
														Keith B. Wise		
														Seldovia		
														Keith B. Wise		
														Kenai		
														Arthur P. Knight		
														North Star		
														R. Melvin Vostry		
														Soldotna		
														Dennis B. Holway		
														Seward		
														Revelle E. Roach		
														Moose Pass		
														Revelle E. Roach		
														Nome Area:		
														Nome Community		
														John J. Shaffer		
														Southeast:		
														Douglas		
														Robert H. McNabb		
														*Juneau-Northern Light		
														John R. Tindell		
														Ketchikan		
														Max W. Cramer		
														Sitka		
														Roger D. Robison		
														Total		
														Total Last Year		
														Increase		
														Decrease		
23484	27843	1500	29343	28845	28845	13484	13484	17671	17671	6434	6955	6955				
24112	25322	0	25322	27335	27335	10507	10507	16809	16809	0	9629	9629				
2521	1500	1500	1500	1510	1510	2977	2977	862	862	6434						
		628		4021						2674	2674					

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Church and Pastor	General Church Special Day Offerings				Annual Conf. Special Day Offerings					GRAND TOTAL PAID			
	One Great Hour of Sharing	World Communion	United Meth. Ord. Student Day	Human Relations Day	Total General Day Offerings	Christian Education Sunday	Golden Cross Sunday	Total Annual Conf. Special Day Offerings	Pension Crusade	Conference Advance Specials	Higher Education	Salary Supplement	All Other Expenses
Anchorage Area:													
Anchor Park													
LeRoy & Lucretia Davis	1294	346	0	63	1703	0	0	0	1360	175	250	700	355
Chugiak													
Gregory Eicher	140	120	37	0	297	0	0	0	96	64	25	0	0
East Anchorage													
Roger W. Thompson	176	140	0	147	463	11	61	72	1680	0	20	584	39
First Anchorage													
Bruce Bartel													
Barbara Eicher	170	68	29	77	344	56	0	56	3315	105	250	1149	0
Girdwood													
Donald L. Hartman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	45	0	0	0
*Jewel Lake													
Donald L. Hartman	112	0	0	9	121	0	0	0	640	12	0	0	0
St. John													
David K. Fison	253	85	60	86	484	28	0	28	9050	866	388	0	250
Turnagain													
William G. Trudeau	0	30	63	66	159	0	0	0	0	0	707	542	0
Fairbanks Area:													
First Fairbanks													
Paul D. Jewell	3913	143	0	0	4056	0	0	0	0	1450	1335	2174	475
Kenai Peninsula:													
Homer													
Keith B. Wise	120	0	0	0	120	55	0	55	50	0	0	0	0
Ninilchik													
Keith B. Wise	70	0	0	0	70	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	0
Seldovia													
Keith B. Wise	0	10	0	0	10	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Kenai													
Arthur P. Knight	80	123	0	0	203	0	0	0	2055	0	0	394	0
North Star													
R. Melvin Vostry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soldotna													
Dennis B. Holway	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	94
Seward													
Revelle E. Roach	18	76	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Moose Pass													
Revelle E. Roach	12	14	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1829
Nome Area:													
Nome Community													
John J. Shaffer	81	32	500	0	613	40	0	40	0	20	0	0	50
Southeast:													
Douglas													
Robert H. McNabb	124	0	0	0	124	0	0	0	745	0	0	305	0
*Juneau-Northern Light													
John R. Tindell	50	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	514	0
Ketchikan													
Max W. Cramer	250	160	7	0	417	0	0	0	3036	86	0	1038	0
Sitka													
Roger D. Robison	377	0	14	0	391	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0
*Half reported - United Methodist and Presbyterian Churches													
Total	7240	1347	710	448	9745	239	61	300	22462	2823	2975	7400	1265
Total Last Year	5350	1170	405	635	7560	540	0	540	0	5507	0	0	4722
Increase	1890	177	305		2185	61			22462	2975	7400		685352
Decrease					187	301	240	240	2684		3457		56164

**E. 1978 Cash Salary, Travel, Social Security and
Medical-Dental Insurance Paid Pastors**

	Cash Sal.	Social Sec.	Total Cash Sal.	Travel	Med/Den Ins.	Total Paid
Bartel, B.	15650	717	16367	2000	600	18967
Cramer, M.	15500	717	16217	1500	600	18317
Davis, Lee	15500	717	16217	2000	282	18499
Eicher, B.	10600	717	11317	3000	300	14617
Eicher, G.	10300	717	11017	2200	300	13517
Fison, D.	12500	717	13217	2200	600	16017
Hartman, D.	14000	717	14717	2400	600	17717
Holway, D.	11500	717	12217	1900	600	14717
Jewell, P.	18395	717	19112	2090	1218	22420
Klaver, C.	15600	0	15600	1800	0	17400
Knight, A.	11332	717	12049	1900	600	14549
McNabb, R.	12600	717	13317	1600	0	14917
Roach, R.	12600	717	13317	2640	360	16317
Robison, R.	12000	717	12717	1500	600	14817
Shaffer, J.	14300	717	15017	1600	318	16935
Thompson, R.	15000	717	15717	2100	600	18417
Tindell, J.	17000	900	17900	1800	0	19700
Trudeau, W.	12451	717	13168	2400	630	16198
Wise, K.	12100	717	12817	2950	600	16367
Wischmeier, A.	17000	717	17717	1100	600	19417

All parsonage utilities are paid by the local church.



F. Conference Council on Ministries Budget, 1979

I. Expenditures

	1978	1979
A. DISCIPLESHIP		
1. Education	100	100
2. Youth Ministries		
a. Conference Council	775	1300
b. Southeast Convocation	500	500
c. Southcentral Convocation	100	0
3. Camping		
a. Nome	125	125
b. Southeast	400	400
c. Birchwood	1300	1300
4. Audio-Visual Library	500	500
5. Christian Education Offering	60	60
6. Pastor-Spouse Retreat	2500	2500
7. Historical Society	100	250
8. Family Ministry Workshop	300	0
	6760	7035
B. CHURCH AND SOCIETY		
1. Emerging Social Issues	200	0
Family Ministry	0	200
2. Native Land Issues	300	200
3. Status & Role of Women	200	500
4. Hunger	250	200
5. Religion & Race	0	300
6. Legislative Action	0	100
7. Administration	0	100
	950	1600
C. GLOBAL MINISTRIES		
1. Mission		
a. Administration	25	25
b. Global Ministry Material	50	50
c. School of Missions & Juris. School	0	750
2. Evangelism		
a. Administration & Materials	100	250
b. Conf. Evan. Program	120	300
3. Ecumenical Affairs		
a. AK Christian Conference	690	690
b. Travel to Biennial Conference	700	0
	1685	2090
D. LAY ACTIVITIES & TEMPORAL ECONOMY		
1. Administration	25	25
2. Equitable Salary Committee	500	500

3. Lay Speaker Training	2500	0
Lay Clergy Conf./Leadership Devt.	0	3000
4. Lay Leader National Conference	500	300
5. Leadership Development (Admin.)	500	100
Lay Development (Train.)	0	500
	4025	4425
 E. COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES		
1. Travel	2500	2700
2. Missioner	1300	1050
3. Coordinator		
a. Salary	3000	3000
b. Communication	200	200
c. Materials	150	150
d. Travel	0	300
	7150	7400
 F. CONTINGENCY	100	200
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20670	22750
 II. Income		
 A. NATIONAL DIVISION		
1. Birchwood Truck	1000	1000
2. Pastor-Spouse School	919	919
3. Christian Nurture	1200	1200
	3119	3119
 B. BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION	500	500
 C. AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY FEES	250	250
 D. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFER.	435	250
 E. CCYM	0	300
 F. APPORTIONMENTS	16366	18331
	20670	22750

G. Alaska Missionary Conference Budget, 1979

I. EXPENDITURES	1978 A.M.C.	1978 N. Div.	1978 Total	1979 A.M.C.	1979 N. Div.	1979 Total
A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT						
1. Episcopal Fund for Support of Bishops, Widows & Children of Deceased Bishops	719	0	719	719	0	719
2. Pension & Death Benefit, Apportioned to Provide Benefits for Ministerial Members of the Alaska Missionary Conference	8072	0	8072	8072	0	8072
3. Superintendent's Fund, Apportioned for Support of the A.M.C. Sup't.	7262	19173	26435	24115	4173	28328
4. Salary Subsidies for Non-Self-Supporting Churches	15575	30394	45969	22004	25444	47448
	31628	49567	81195	54950	29617	84567
B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION						
1. Temporary General Aid for Equalization of Pensions & Salaries of Former Central Jurisdiction Mbrs.	250	0	250	250	0	250
2. General Administration of U.M.C.	213	0	213	213	0	213
3. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, for U.M.C. Share of Support of World and National Councils of Churches	148	0	148	148	0	148
4. Jurisdictional Fund, Support of Western Jurisdiction	117	0	117	117	0	117
5. Ministerial Education Fund (3/4 to General Church)	1807	0	1807	1807	0	1807
6. Black Colleges	887	0	887	887	0	887
7. Mass Communications	89	0	89	89	0	89
8. Missional Priorities (Set by General Conf.)	610	0	610	610	0	610
9. Conference Office Exp.	13886	10014	23900	14886	10014	24900
10. Annual Meeting	1700	5800	7500	1700	5800	7500
11. Mission Cars	0	1500	1500	0	1500	1500
	19707	17314	37021	20707	17314	38021

	1978 A.M.C.	1978 N. Div.	1978 Total	1979 A.M.C.	1979 N. Div.	1979 Total
C. WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES						
1. World Service Apportionments	3693	0	3693	3693	0	3693
2. Youth Service Fund	0	0	0	300	0	300
3. Conference Benevolences						
a. Council on Ministries Program Expense	17051	3619*	20670*	19131	3619*	22750*
b. Board of Ministry (1/4 of Min. Ed. Fund)	603	0	603	603	0	603
c. Diaconal Ministry Bd.	500	0	500	500	0	500
d. Native Ministry Office	3087	0	3087	3087	0	3087
e. Campus Ministries	0	0	0	6650	4950	11600
f. Council on Finance & Administration Exp.	900	0	900	900	0	900
g. Contingency	500	0	500	500	0	500
TOTALS	26334	3619*	29953*	35364**	8569*	43933*
RECAPITULATION						
A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT	31628	49567	81195	54950	29617	84567
B. CONNECTIONAL ADMIN.	19707	17314	37021	20707	17314	38021
C. WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES	26334	3619*	29953*	35364**	8569*	43933* **
	77669	70500*	148169*	111021**	55500*	166521* **
II. SOURCES OF INCOME						
A. NATIONAL DIVISION	0	70000	70000	0	55000	55000
B. BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION	0	500*	500*	0	500*	500*
C. ALASKA SOURCES						
1. Apportionments	66000	0	66000	80621	0	80621
2. Christian Education Offering (from previous year)	435	0	435	250	0	250
3. AV Library Fees	250	0	250	250	0	250
4. CCYM	0	0	0	600**	0	600**
D. MISSION SHARING FUND	12000	0	12000	23000	0	23000
E. SPECIAL GIFTS	1600	0	1600	1300	0	1300
F. INCREASE IN SUPPORT FROM NON-SELF-SUPPORT CHURCHES	0	0	0	5000	0	5000
TOTALS	80285	70500*	150785*	111021**	55000*	166521* **

*Includes \$500 from Board of Higher Education

**Includes \$600 from CCYM

H. Mission Sharing Grade Point Tables - Self-Supporting Churches

The following recommendation comes from the Council on Finance and Administration:

"That \$23,000 be allocated to the self-supporting churches for 1979 to be prorated as follows: \$11,000 be prorated among the churches on the basis of their grade point figure; \$12,000 be prorated among the churches on the basis of the salary paid the pastor in 1978 above the cash salary paid pastors in non-self-supporting churches, including base salary, geographic area adjustment, years of service and social security."

Mission Sharing Grade Point Table Based on Grade Figure for \$11,000 -- Self-Supporting Churches

	Grade Point 1979	1979 Sharing	Total Shared
Anchor Park	7.67	8.94	983
Chugiak	3.12	3.63	399
East Anchorage	6.99	8.14	895
First, Anchorage	12.14	14.14	1555
Jewel Lake	2.33	2.72	299
Saint John	5.78	6.73	740
Turnagain	7.46	8.69	956
First, Fairbanks	14.97	17.44	1919
Kenai	4.63	5.39	593
Soldotna	2.82	3.29	362
Douglas	3.52	4.10	451
Juneau, N. Light	5.96	6.95	765
Ketchikan	8.44	9.84	1083
	85.83%	100.00%	11000

Mission Sharing of \$12000 by Formula in Motion Above

	Paid Over Base	Grade Point	Total Shared
Anchor Park	4900	17.80	2136
Chugiak	0	0	0
East Anchorage	3000	10.90	1308
First, Anchorage	4350	15.80	1896
Jewel Lake	1050	3.81	457
Saint John	411	1.49	179
Turnagain	1151	4.18	502
First, Fairbanks	5595	20.32	2438
Kenai	332	1.21	145
Soldotna	0	0	0
Douglas	600	2.18	262
Juneau, N. Light	2642	9.60	1152
Ketchikan	3500	12.71	1525
	27531	100.00%	12000

**Total Apportioned to Each Self-Supporting Church for Mission Sharing
(based on the above two charts)**

Anchor Park	3119	First, Fairbanks	4357
Chugiak	399	Kenai	738
East Anchorage	2203	Soldotna	362
First, Anchorage	3451	Douglas	713
Jewel Lake	756	Juneau, N. Light	1917
Saint John	919	Ketchikan	2608
Turnagain	1458		
		Total	23000

I. 1979 Apportionments to Local Churches

Church	Grade Point	Min. Supp.	Conn. Adm.	World Service	Total
Anchor Park	7.67	3061	1153	1970	6184
Chugiak	3.12	1245	469	801	2515
East Anchorage	6.99	2789	1051	1795	5635
First, Anchorage	12.14	4844	1826	3118	9788
Girdwood	.27	108	41	69	218
Jewel Lake	2.33	930	350	598	1878
Saint John	5.78	2305	871	1484	4660
Turnagain	7.46	2977	1121	1916	6014
Fairbanks	14.97	5973	2251	3845	12069
Homer	2.37	946	356	609	1911
Ninilchik	.91	363	137	234	734
Kenai	4.63	1848	696	1189	3733
North Star	.90	359	136	231	726
Soldotna	2.82	1125	424	724	2273
Seward	2.01	802	302	516	1620
Moose Pass	.39	156	59	100	315
Nome	4.91	1959	738	1261	3958
Douglas	3.52	1405	529	904	2838
Juneau - N. Light	5.96	2378	896	1531	4805
Ketchikan	8.44	3368	1269	2167	6804
Sitka	2.41	962	362	619	1943
	100.00	39903	15037	25681	80621

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

I. CHURCH AND SOCIETY

A. The Hunger Task Force

- 1. That the Hunger Task Force be designated a full commission to be retained for the life of the quadrennium. Since this is a quadrennial goal of the General Conference of the UMC it must not be forgotten: The Board of Global Ministries and many agencies are continually offering training, materials and leadership resources which must be integrated into our Conference program; these materials will be on the increase as the quadrennium progresses.**
- 2. That the Council on Ministries requests from the Board of Global Ministries the services of and funding for Bill Brooks, Hunger Interpreter, to organize two workshops on hunger during Spring, 1979; one in Anchorage and one in Southeast. The BOGM has trained such persons in each Annual Conference to organize and assist in hunger training and encounter.**
- 3. That the Hunger Task Force be encouraged to evaluate subsistence hunting and fishing and sensitize local churches to the issues involved. Subsistence hunting and fishing is part of the cultural makeup of the native peoples of Alaska. This lifestyle is currently threatened by a number of forces outside the Alaska Missionary Conference area: the International Whaling Commission, the pending HR 39 legislation and environmental pressures as well as the protection of renewable resources, non-renewable resources and endangered species.**
- 4. We recognize that Barbara Banta has been trained in the area of Law of the Sea and recommend that local churches avail themselves of her expertise.**

B. Native Culture and Land Claims Settlement Task Force

- 1. That each local church emphasize during this conference year the native cultures and the Alaska Native Lands Claims Settlement and consider utilizing programs and resources developed by the task force as a part of our ministry to and with Alaska United Methodists and others of all races.**

C. Status and Role of Women

- 1. In preparation for the Alaska Missionary Conference emphasis on Women during the year 1979-80, we recommend that each local church have a study pertaining to women during 1978-79. This might include the following:**

**Changing roles of women
Biblical images of women
Women's role in the local church
Feminist theology**

- 2. In light of the data collected by the survey from the Conference records on leadership roles of women, we strongly recommend that there be a significant increase of female participation on the following committees:**

**Pensions
Nominations
Church Extension**

**Equitable Salaries
Trustees**

Churches and individuals are encouraged to recommend names to the Nominating Committee to accomplish this recommendation.

D. Legislative Action

More effort should be put into making a Legislative Action Telephone Chain effective. Each church should be urged to subscribe to "Impact" and/or "Bread for the World Newsletter" as a means of keeping up with some of the issues in Congress.

E. Justice

The Chugiak United Methodist Church continues a strong ministry to the Eagle River Correctional Institution and Riverview; all churches need to be more aware of the dimensions of the problems of criminal justice, in the cities and the bush.

F. Church and Family

Since the family may well be an "endangered species," we need to implement Conference Goal No. 2 to enable local churches to become extended families:

- 1. A minimum of twelve churches shall hold at least one workshop, "The Church as Family," by Spring, 1979, involving all ages and groups in programs and emphasis.**
- 2. Study materials shall be provided with special attention to how the local church can provide support and halt deterioration.**
- 3. Two churches shall develop a model of a caring community especially in terms of support and counseling by June, 1980.**

G. Religion and Race

Give continued support to the Commission on Religion and Race as it continues its organization and develops recommendations.

H. Law of the Sea

We recommend that the Alaska Missionary Conference support the United Methodist Law of the Sea project in furthering the work of the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference to obtain just and equitable settlement of the issues.

I. E.R.A. Time Extension

Whereas, the 1976 General Conference supported ratification of the ERA, and Whereas, few state legislatures will meet prior to the March, 1979 deadline,

**Therefore, it is resolved that the Alaska Missionary Conference support congressional efforts to extend the March, 1979 deadline for ratification,
And further, that members of the Alaska Missionary Conference communicate their support for the extension to their senators and representatives.**

J. Disarmament

We request local churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference to study the problem of the proliferation of armaments and the possibility of transferring funds to other types of spending; to struggle with the issues; and communicate conclusions to our national government. We request the Church and Society Committee to provide resource material to the churches.

In all of this we call special attention to the Book of Discipline, paragraph 75 (c.)

K. Human Sexuality

Believing that sexuality is a God-given gift to the human family; and that responsible sexual stewardship is necessary to avoid abuse and exploitation of a male or female's sexual being or identity, the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church endorses and gives prayerful support to the efforts of the Anchorage Family Sex Education Week Committee, October 9-14, 1978. We are pleased with the emphasis of the family as an important partner in the sexual education and development of each person. We further urge each local church to plan and implement a study program on human sexuality during the 1978-79 Conference Year.

L. Native American Claims

The Alaska Missionary Conference recognizes that there are legitimate claims of native tribes involving settlement of broken treaties and land claims; and that the U.S. Government has both a legal and moral obligation to work toward a just settlement of these issues.

II. DISCIPLESHIP

A. Conference Goals

- 1. Each local church of the AMC seeks to attain the goal of a 15 per cent increase in both church school and worship attendance during 1979.**
- 2. The Conference information brochure shall be developed by December 1, 1978, and that it shall be printed before January, 1979. Responsibility for this shall be with the Communications Committee and Conference Superintendent.**
- 3. The Conference newsletter, "The Missioner," shall be continued under the editorship of the Council on Ministries Coordinator during 1979.**
- 4. The major emphasis in the area of AV's should be a revision and updating of the AV catalog and the purchase of new AV's.**

B. Historical Society

- 1. The continued work on the goals of the Society**
- 2. The advisability of printing the pastors' reports in the Journal**
- 3. A time on the agenda of the Annual Conference for presentation of the Society's report**
- 4. Discovery of the resting place of the items that were placed at AMU for safe-keeping**
- 5. Routine distribution of Pre-Conference Handbooks and the Journal to the Society's chairperson each year: two copies for the Society and two copies for the National Archives**
- 6. The chairperson made a guest of the Annual Conference sessions with expenses of travel and entertainment to be made a part of the cost of the Conference beginning with this Conference of 1978**
- 7. Recognition should be given to the Seward Church for their development of an ongoing historical exhibit in a special Petersen Memorial Room set aside for that purpose.**

C. Conference Council on Youth Ministry

- 1. Facilitate area youth organizations**
- 2. Encourage at least one area convocation per year**
- 3. Encourage communication through the Conference Newsletter**
- 4. Encourage local youth groups to participate in the development of the Youth Service Fund**
- 5. A goal of \$600 will be raised in the local youth groups to be allocated 50 per cent to the Youth Service Fund and 50 per cent to the CCYM**

D. Pastor-Spouse Retreat

The Conference Council on Ministries requests that the 1979 Pastor-Spouse Retreat deal with 1) the purpose of the retreat and 2) the membership of the retreat. The Chairperson of Discipleship is requested to include the results in the Discipleship portion of the 1979 Pre-Conference Handbook.

E. Outdoor Ministries

The chairperson of camping be changed to chairperson of Outdoor Ministries, with the chairperson elected by the Conference, upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The responsibilities of the Chairperson shall be to promote outdoor Christian Education and Ministry and to encourage program offerings to reach the

needs of youth and other age groups.

F. Hope Church Property Committee

The Hope Church Property Committee shall include at least one representative selected by the Birchwood Board of Directors, one person from the Kenai Peninsula and one representative from the greater Anchorage area to be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

III. GLOBAL MINISTRIES

A. Global Concerns

1. We made a tremendous leap in Advance Special Giving. We suggested a 20 per cent increase for the Alaska Missionary Conference. We made an 80 per cent increase, from \$10,591 to \$19,505. Let us pledge ourselves no less in the next year.
2. The local churches continue to report successful promotional activities to the Global Concern's chairperson, that they may be printed and shared with the chairpersons of all local churches. Let others know how you do it.
3. That we continue our special concern for Missional Priorities of World Hunger, Ethnic Minorities and Evangelism by continued giving in these areas.
4. That each church be urged to select a National Division Advance Special people-oriented project. Alaska ranks first or second in many areas, but we are tied for last place with several others in 72 conferences in National Division giving, at 1 cent per capita. It is suggested that local churches of the AMC adopt Advance Special projects of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference as their special concern in the National Division.
5. That we continue to tie into ongoing programs fighting world hunger, such as: WHEAT, Heifer Project, Crop and UMCOR
6. That each local church takes on at least one Advance Special project.
7. That the offering (\$237.81) received at the Memorial Communion service be sent to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference in honor of the Red Bird Missionary Conference.

B. Native Ministry

1. That the Conference support the work of Norman Shawchuck in his work with the Nome church and the Anchorage Native Ministries Committee and Conference Religion and Race Committee
2. That the Conference continue to work with the General Board of Discipleship expressing our thanks for their cooperation and help in developing a program here and providing consultation through Dr. Shawchuck.

C. Evangelism

The Comprehensive Plan for the Alaska Missionary Conference

1. The IMPERATIVE for our evangelism: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

2. The PURPOSE of our evangelism

- a. To CALL all persons into a living, active fellowship with God through Jesus Christ and through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.
- b. To GATHER persons into the fellowship of the church.
- c. To LEAD persons in developing and expressing Christian discipleship for a fuller realization of the Kingdom of God.

3. The GOALS of our evangelism

- a. That every congregation develop programs for sharing the redemptive love of God in Christ through caring relationships with non-members; for the recovering of non-participating members; and the deepening of the spiritual lives of all members.
- b. That every congregation establish
 1. Minimum membership goals
 2. Recovery goals
 3. Spiritual growth goals
- c. That every congregation be infused with a sense of accountability to God for the work it attempts in His Name and the joy He gives in our faithfulness.

4. The STRATEGIES for evangelism

a. The local church

1. Confronts its evangelistic responsibility in the light of the call of Christ and the purpose and goals of this program.
2. Is guided by the Council on Ministries in implementing the participation of the local church.
3. Maintains or establishes a functioning work area on membership and evangelism to develop outreach, spiritual growth and caring ministries.
4. Maintains or establishes a functioning work area on worship to enrich its worship experiences.
5. Develops plans for reaching the unchurched.
6. Develops plans/programs to assimilate new members into the total life of the church.
7. Emphasizes the Church School as an opportunity for both Christian outreach and nurture.
8. Develops one new ministry - something not now being done for Christ as a sign of God's Grace and the Gospel presence
9. Establishes a minimum numerical goal for membership increase for each Conference year.
10. Maintains contact with non-resident members, encouraging their active participation in the Christian community.

b. The Pastor

1. Develops and maintains a list or file on new residents and prospective new members in the community.
2. Adopts a consistent pattern of visitation of prospective members.
3. Designates one month each year for visitation of all church members, espe-

cially non-participating members.

4. Aids in the development and implementation of a plan for lay visitation in addition to his/her visitation.

5. Offers and teaches confirmation and membership classes for children, youth and adults.

6. Establishes procedures for follow-up on members who move away from the community.

c. The Bishop

1. Provides inspirational leadership and guidance for the entire Conference as Chief Pastor.

2. Itinerates the Conference in the interest of Conference Evangelism Programs.

d. The Conference Superintendent

1. Provides leadership, guidance, and supervision within the Conference program.

2. Directs the Conference Council on Ministries in developing a strategy for implementing the comprehensive plan with needed emphasis and resources and enabling pastors and lay workers with "How-To" clinics.

3. Give leadership in surveying the need of establishing new congregations.

5. The CALENDAR for our evangelism

a. The program for evangelism begins upon adoption by the Session of the Alaska Annual Conference of 1978.

1. The Lay Delegates take this report back for presentation to the local administrative Boards by September, 1978.

2. Local church sets goals and initiates programs in outreach, caring, and spiritual growth ministries by October 31, 1978.

3. The Conference Council on Ministries, under the guidance of the Superintendent, plan "How-To" clinics and expand outreach programs by the end of November, 1978.

4. Evangelism chairperson provides assistance in resources, materials and training opportunities upon adoption.

5. A Conference-wide "Celebration" at the 1980 Session of the Alaska Annual Conference

6. Conference Council on Ministries makes a progress report at the 1979 Session of the Alaska Annual Conference and recommends for the continued implementation of this program.

6. Some MODELS for our evangelism

a. Outreach models

1. Special event evangelism (New Life Missions, We Care Missions, Euriskon, etc..)

2. Visitation evangelism (Fisherman, The Twelve, Visitation Evangelism: A Relational Ministry by the Board of Discipleship.)

3. United Methodists Spreading the Word by the Board of Discipleship and American Bible Society.

4. Evangelism - A Comprehensive Plan Study by Church leadership

b. Caring Models

1. To those within the church

A. The Sheperd's Plan

B. The Fellowship of the Concerned (See The Care of Members by Charles Whittle)

C. Assimilating new members (See 25 Ways to Assimilate New Members by G. Ernest Thomas.)

D. Church fellowship events (picnics, recognitions, etc)

c. Spiritual Growth models

1. The Church School

2 The Confirmation and New Member Class

3. An Experiment in Practical Christianity (See Discipleship Resources.)

4. Prayer Groups/Bible Study Groups

A. The Power and Light Company (See Discipleship Resources) study

D. Church Extension

1. To undertake a Conference-wide Church extension Financial Campaign in the Fall of 1979

2. To establish an Ad Hoc Church Extension Crusade Campaign Committee to be formed by the Council on Ministries, who will select four clergy and four lay members. Responsibilities are:

a. Survey the potential church extension directions

b. Report on the best potential areas at the 1979 Annual Conference through the Global Ministries General Committee

c. Meet twice prior to the 1979 Conference - expenses of the program to be borne by receipts from the campaign

E. United Methodist Women

That the Conference Global Concerns Committee work cooperatively with the UMW to establish regional mission education events for 1979 using recommended study materials and encouraging church-wide participation.

F. World Service Apportionments

The Conference recommended to the CFA, with consultation with the CCOM, to facilitate a study of the impact of inflation on the World Service Apportionments and giving and suggest a means for the Alaska Missionary Conference to adjust its World Service giving to compensate for the annual inflation.

IV. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

A. Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program

Recommends that the Alaska Missionary Conference Continue in the HMEP/Dental Program of the Board of Pensions with the Pacific Northwest Conference, Travelers Insurance Company as the carrier.

B. Stewardship Cultivation

Maintain close surveillance of the pledges that we do not fall too far behind at any time. Monthly statements of the mission's progress should be continued throughout the pledge period.

C. Lay Leader .

1. A Lay-Clergy Conference, similar in format to that held in 1977, should be organized and conducted in the spring of 1979.
2. Visitation by the Lay Leader to six more churches throughout the Conference congregations should be conducted to determine what men's activities are part of local church programs. Results of this survey should be published in the Missioner.

D. Board of Pensions

1. We request to the General Board of Pensions and the Division of National Missions that all ministers entering the Alaska Mission during the coming year, 1978-79, be included in the Ministers Reserve Fund.
2. We recommend that the personal contributions made by each minister to the Ministers Reserve Fund for Pensions:
 - a. Be on the basis of 3 per cent of the average salary of the Conference in which he holds membership, and
 - b. Beginning with all such personal contributions made on and after July 1, 1970 to this Income Annuity Account, together with all interest credited therein, shall be available at the time of his retirement, as either additional annuity above the effective pension rate or as a lump sum in lieu of additional annuity.
3. We recommend that the Death Benefit Program, Plan C provision of the Board of Pensions be again applied to the Alaska Pension Program at an annual cost of \$67.50 per member.
4. We also recommend that should any surplus develop after payment of MRFP, Death Benefit Program and Clearinghouse, such surplus shall be deposited to the Deposit Account of the Alaska Missionary Conference General Board of Pensions.
5. It is recommended that amounts available through the Board of Pensions Chartered Fund and the distribution from the Methodist Publishing House be used for current budget purposes and excesses deposited to the Deposit Account of the Alaska Missionary Conference, General Board of Pensions.
6. The Alaska Mission will need \$8,591.04 for its pension program in 1979, based on 19 ministers. The Conference Superintendent is funded by the National Division block grant.

Alaska Mission Share:

$$\begin{aligned}1/3 \text{ of } \$350 &= 116.66 \times 19 = \$2,216.54 \\1/2 \text{ of } \$150 &= 75.00 \times 19 = \$1,425.00 \\&\quad \$3,642.54\end{aligned}$$

	\$3,642.54
Death Benefit Program \$67.50 X 19 = \$1,282.50	
Level Annual Deposit	\$2,666.00
Additional \$1,000 payment	\$1,000.00
put in reserve	
	\$8,591.04

7. On January 1, 1978, your Board of Pensions deposited \$80.00 with the General Board of Pensions, moving the pension rate per service year from \$50 to \$85. In order to fund the new rate it will take a level annual deposit of \$2,666 each year for 25 years.

8. As of January 1, 1978, our Conference Claimants Distribution Fund and the Initial Reserve Fund were transferred into a New Deposit Account, and as of January 31, 1978, after all transfers were made, our deposit account was as follows:

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 1-31-78

Balance as of 1-1-78, from Alaska Missionary Conference Credits		\$14,253.83 CR
Received from Conference	\$14,395.07 CR	
Returned Funding	290.41 CR	
Transfer Initial Reserve to Deposit	903.36 CR	
Transfer Conf. Claimants Distribution Fund to Deposit	\$76,933.41 CR	\$92,522.25 CR
	\$106,776.08 CR	
Debits		
Death Benefit Contributions	\$ 308.70	
Initial Deposit MRFP LA Plan	80,000.00	80,308.70
	\$26,467.38 CR	
Interest at 6.50%		81.91 CR
Balance as of 1-31-78		\$26,549.29

9. Your Board of Pensions is suggesting the following schedule of deposits with the General Board of Pensions to continue to increase the per service year amount from \$85 to \$120 by January 1, 1983.

	Deposit	Rate
January 1, 1978	\$80,000	\$85
July 1, 1978	34,406	95
January 1, 1979	17,774	100
January 1, 1980	20,402	105
January 1, 1981	22,238	110
January 1, 1982	24,201	115
January 1, 1983	26,271	120

10. We recommend that the service year amount be set at \$95 as of July 1, 1978, and on January 1, 1979, it be increased to \$100 if we have on hand the \$17,774 that it takes to fund this rate. If sufficient funds are not on hand January 1, 1979, to increase the rate to \$100 the Conference would give to the Conference Board of

Pensions the decision to set a new rate according to the cash on hand. As of May 4, 1978, the Conference Board of Pensions has \$32,268.57 on hand to fund the above recommendation.

11. The Conference Board of Pensions recommends we continue the policy we adopted June 1, 1973, to set aside \$100.00 from regular apportionments to be placed on interest to be used later to make possible further increases in the pension rate. The \$4000.00 plus interest accumulated the past four year was used to make the \$80,000 deposit January 1, 1978. The \$1000 in the 1978 Budget is now on interest with the General Board of Pensions in our deposit account at 6.5% interest.

12. The following is a record of Pension Receipts at the Mission Office since the beginning of the Pension Crusade to May 18, 1978:

Anchor Park	\$5235.50	Kenai	\$3116.00
East Anchorage	2900.00	Seward	785.00
First, Anchorage	7765.00	Moose Pass	510.00
Jewel Lake	2952.00	Nome	3144.00
Saint John	10806.00	Fairbanks	2604.00
Turnagain	2991.00	Douglas	1965.00
Chugiak	878.78	Northern Light	1800.00
Girdwood	722.50	Sitka	1223.00
Soldotna	807.00	Ketchikan	4237.00
North Star	50.00	Homer	1240.00
Ninilchik	555.00	Seldovia	41.75

Total \$56,330.09

13. We are most appreciative of the leadership that Fred and Lorraine Strathdee gave to the Pension Crusade and to the Office of Finance and Field Service for providing the Strathdees at no cost to the Mission, except their travel and entertainment while in Alaska. Pledges to the Pension Crusade amounted to \$222,439.00 and expenses were minimal at \$4489.73.

14. In order to collect the maximum dollars on the pension pledges, we need to keep the pension before our congregations and report regularly to the churches on the progress of collection and how the money is making possible a higher pension rate per service year. Therefore we recommend that the first Sunday of each month be designated to life up the pension cause to the congregations by a pension bulletin insert. The mission office will provide the bulletin inserts to be used each month and every other month a lay person will be designated by the church lay leader to speak briefly during the Sunday morning church service concerning the pension program. This program will start on Sunday, April 2, with the bulletin insert and first pension minute talk. Thereafter, the pension minute talk will be Sunday, June 4, August 5, October 1, December 3, February 4, 1979 and April 1.

E. Leadership Education

1. Leadership Development workshops are to be offered at least once during 1979 in each of the following areas: Southeast, Kenai Peninsula, Nome, Fairbanks and Anchorage. The cost of each workshop is to be covered by the hosting area. The content/format of each session will be determined by the requests of each area.

2. Leadership Development will be an integral part of the 1979 Lay-Clergy Conference.

V. DIACONAL MINISTRY

The recommendations at this time are to ourselves:

- A. That more information, including certification standards, be gathered;**
- B. That information about the Office of Diaconal Ministry be available to churches and to youth;**
- C. That we explore ways that lay professionals could strengthen the work of this Annual Conference in local churches, but being mindful of financing.**

VI. BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

- A. That churches pay \$25 of the \$35 candidacy guidebook cost for candidates for ministry from their church.**
- B. That each church actively recruit candidates for the ordained ministry.**
- C. That the Conference budget include for 1980 \$550 for continuing education, \$150 for the Board of Ministry administration and to provide \$250 for continuing education for each pastor at least every five years.**

VII. CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

The CCOM recommends that the full finalized proceedings of the Annual Conference (including all recommendations and goals) be placed in the Journal record.

The CCOM recommended to the Annual Conference that the Missionary Conference alternate delegates to General Conference be funded to attend General Conference. Because of our size and infrequent contact on a direct level with the larger church, opportunities such as this should be utilized to the fullest.

VII. EPISCOPACY AND SUPERINTENDENCY COMMITTEE

The Committee should take, as its primary responsibility, the welcoming and support of the new Superintendent and his family.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference

Edmund B. Stanton 1

Anchorage:

Anchor Park

East Anchorage

First

First (Associate)

Saint John

Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish

Turnagain United Methodist Church

Jewel Lake Parish, Girdwood UMC

Trinity United Presbyterian (not appointed by United Methodist Bishop)

William G. Trudeau 5

Donald L. Hartman 4

James F. Buffington 1

Barbara S. Eicher 2

David K. Fison 7

Chugiak

Fairbanks:

First

First (Associate)

North Pole United Church

Homer Parish: Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia

Douglas Community

Juneau: Northern Light Church

Kenai: Church of the New Covenant

Ketchikan: First

Nome: Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish

North Star

Seward-Moose Pass-Cooper Landing

Sitka

Soldotna

Paul O. Jewell 2

Betty Luginbill** 1

Claude E. Klaver* 2

Keith B. Wise 7

Robert H. McNabb 5

John R. Tindell 5

Arthur P. Knight 3

Max W. Cramer 3

John J. Shaffer 5

R. Melvin Vostry*** 2

Revelle E. Roach 3

R. Dan Amerson 1

Dennis B. Holway 2

Diaconal Minister Appointment:

Norton Sound Regional Hospital

Priscilla Ringenburg 2

Special Assignment:

Bayshore West-Anchorage

John C. Garvin 2

Special Appointments in Alaska of United Methodist Ministers Not Members of Alaska Missionary Conference:

Executive Director, Alaska Children's Services

John C. Garvin 2

Associate Director, Alaska Children's Services

Walter L. Hays, Jr. 5

Director, Youth Services Center of Alaska,

Robert D. Bowers 3

Children's Services

Director, Center for Parents and Children,

Robert W. Nelson 4

Anchorage Child Abuse Board

President, Alaska Methodist University

Glenn A. Olds 2

Director, Volunteer Services, State of Alaska

Howard L. DeVore 2

Director, United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks

Charles Young 1

*A United Presbyterian Minister serving a United Methodist-Presbyterian Church

**Home Missionary Status Pending

***Worker-Priest Status until September 1, 1978; after September 1, regular appointment.

IX. GOALS

(Adopted June, 1977)

GOAL 1: To develop Christian Outreach in the Alaska Missionary Conference so every United Methodist congregation becomes a functioning center for evangelistic ministry by 1980 with an increase in church membership, worship and church school attendance of at least 15% per year.

- A. 1. Provide a check list of methods and procedures by which church school attendance is promoted and results reviewed by the Education Committee.
 - 2. A check list of methods and procedures by which worship attendance is promoted and results reviewed by the Worship Committee.
 - 3. A check list of methods and procedures by which membership is promoted and results reviewed by the Evangelism Committee.
- B. Coordinate an evangelism program in each church by the winter of 1979, as coordinated by the Board of Discipleship (Chairperson Evangelism.)
- C. June, 1980 - Each local congregation develop a plan of Evangelism for itself which makes use of the previous three years' reflections and actions. Conference do same by having a 1981 Lay-Clergy Conference on Evangelism.

GOAL 2: To enable local churches to become extended families.

- A. A minimum of 12 local churches shall hold at least one workshop, *The Church as Family*, by spring of 1979. (Would encourage local churches to involve all ages and groups of people in programs and emphases.)
- B. To provide study materials on the family in Alaska, with special attention to how the local church can provide support and halt its deterioration, December, 1977. (Bob Nelson and Bruce Bartel gather materials. Christian Nurture Committee compile a list of resources.)
- C. Two churches shall develop a model of a caring community(s) especially in terms of support and counseling, June, 1980. (First UMC, Anchorage, and (2) look for one other volunteer.)

GOAL 3: A special emphasis task force will be named each Conference Year of the quadrennium. The responsibility will be to:

- A. Make available as many resources as possible to local churches for education and study.
- B. To present a variety of possible activities to be carried out in the local church.
- C. To plan at least one special event to be celebrated conference-wide during the year of emphasis.
- D. To influence federal, state and local policy by providing arenas for dialogue between and among government officials and the public.

Areas of emphasis:

1977 - Hunger

1978 - Native Culture and Land Claims

1979 - Women

1980 - Ethnic Minorities

GOAL 4: To create and implement a system of alternatives in leadership development and education for Conference-wide and local church programming.

A. To include at least one education component for every meeting of church persons on a conference or area-wide level. The chairperson of each event being responsible. June, 1977.

B. To develop a "People bank," including both youth and adults, within the conference and to utilize these persons either singly or in teams, to train others in the local church by June, 1979. (Lay Activities responsible)

C. To purchase at least one training item for the Conference Library each year and to see that every local church is aware of it. June, 1977. (AV Committee)

D. To conduct area-wide training events at least once a year in parts of the state where this is feasible. June, 1978. (Lay Activities)

E. To utilize available long or short term volunteers (both lay and clergy) to work in local churches with the specific purpose of training. June, 1981.

F. To assist the Mission Superintendent to do leadership training as he/she visits the local church. June, 1980.

G. To develop a process to familiarize youth in local churches with youth's role in the organization and programs of the local church and the Alaska Missionary Conference. June, 1978.

GOAL 5: To study and develop new ministries in Alaska.

A. Start at least three new ministries in the state. (Task Force on Church Extension.)

1. Two new congregations; the first by 1978

2. A Native Ministries staff person by June, 1978. (Committee on Native Ministries.)

B. Create by June, 1978 new forms and strategies of ministry, such as:

1. Worker-priest ministry

2. Lay speaker training program developed by June, 1978

3. Subsistence volunteer ministry

4. Ecumenical ministries (Committee on Ministries appoint task force.)

GOAL 6: To enlarge the level of Stewardship within the Alaska Missionary Conference.

A. Come to a more specific definition of a self-supporting church by 1978, and then set a goal of the number of self-supporting churches we will have by 1981. (Equitable Salaries and Finance and Administration will formulate definition and set goal.)

B. Increase the level of giving to Advance Specials 50 per cent by 1980, over 1976 level.

C. Every church will participate in the Stewardship Crusade in the fall of 1977.

GOAL 7: To provide an informational and educational network that represents the A.M.C.

A. Produce one informational brochure on the Alaska Missionary Conference for use outside and within Alaska by January, 1978. (Communication Committee)

B. Produce an in-conference newsletter three times a year; local church news, institution news, conference programming news and resources. By September, 1977. (Council on Ministries coordinator will publish newsletter.)

X. ROLL OF THE DEAD

BISHOPS

**Edwin Edgar Voigt
Aubrey G. Walton**

BISHOP'S WIVES OR WIDOWS

**Ida Elizabeth Arvidson
Margaret D. Bowen
Grace Ying Choy
Virginia B. Darlington
Lois B. Dixon
Gertrude Jane Wicke**

RETIRED CONFERENCE PASTOR

Walter Warner

MEMBERS OF ALASKAN CHURCHES

**Robert Smith, Anchorage - Anchor Park
Lloyd Brown, Jr., Anchorage - East Anchorage
Lloyd Ruliffson, Anchorage - East Anchorage
Delores Cowder, Anchorage - First
William Schwin, Anchorage - First
Dale Wood, Anchorage - Jewel Lake
Loren Flanders, Anchorage - St. John
Lois Williams, Anchorage - St. John
Terry Kahklen, Douglas
Mrs. Lloyd Booth, Fairbanks - First
Eva Carlson, Homer
Vera L. Traylor, Ketchikan - First
Ernest Anderes, Sr., Ketchikan - First
Jim Church, Ketchikan - First**

Sadie Pressley, Ninilchik
Catherine Ezukameow, Nome - Community
Dale Carmichael, Soldotna
Lani Lancaster, Soldotna

XI. PASTORAL RECORDS

AMERSON, R. DAN Texas Annual Conference
Texas Annual Conference; On trial, 1972; D, 1972; E, 1978; EDUCATION: McMurry College, Abilene, Texas, 1971; Perkins School of Theology, 1975; APPOINTMENTS: Follett UMC, Follett, Texas, 1976, Gethsemane UMC, Houston, Texas, 1978; Alaska Missionary Conference, Sitka, 1978; WIFE: Debra Ann; CHILDREN: Leanna Paige

BOWERS, ROBERT DALE* Wisconsin
South Iowa Conference; On trial, 1958; D, 1959; E, 1961; EDUCATION: Drake University, 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1961; APPOINTMENTS: South Iowa Conference, Victor-Immanuel, 1961; East Wisconsin Conference, Brookfield, 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward, 1967, Kenai Church of the New Covenant, 1969; Anchor Park, Anchorage, 1971; Staff, Alaska Children's Services, (Jan. 1,) 1977; WIFE: Beverly; CHILDREN: Stephen, Carolyn, Christine, David

BUFFINGTON, JAMES WESLEY Oregon-Idaho Conference
Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1970; D, 1970; E, 1972; EDUCATION: Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa, 1968; Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1971; APPOINTMENTS: Sutherlin-Wilbur, 1974, Ontario, 1978; Alaska Missionary Conference, Anchorage-First, 1978, WIFE: Christie Lou, CHILDREN: Michael James

CRAMER, MAX WAYNE Central Pennsylvania
Central Pennsylvania Conference; On trial, 1951; D, 1952; E, 1954; EDUCATION: West Virginia Wesleyan College, B.A., 1951; Wesley Theological Seminary, 1954; M. Div., 1971; APPOINTMENTS: Claysburg, 1951; McVeytown, 1954; Snowshoe, 1956; Reedsville, 1958; Western Pa. Conference; Harrisville, 1959; Dubois Lakeside, 1965; Alaska Mission; East Anchorage-Girdwood, 1966; Clearfield, Pa., 1970; Alaska Missionary Conference, Seward, 1973, Ketchikan, 1976; WIFE: Gladys; CHILDREN: Ellen, Robert, Diana, Nancy, Beata

DAVIS, LEROY WILLIAM, JR. Virginia
Virginia Conference; On trial, 1972; D, 1972; E, 1976; EDUCATION: Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C., 1971; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1975; APPOINTMENTS: Burke, 1975; Alaska Missionary Conference, Anchorage Park, Anchorage, 1977

EICHER, BARBARA SCOTT Kansas West
Kansas West Conference; On trial, 1976; D, 1976; EDUCATION: Seattle Pacific College, 1966; California Western University, 1968; University of Denver, 1970; Iliff School of Theology, 1975; APPOINTMENTS: To attend graduate school, 1976; Alaska Missionary Conference Associate, First Church, Anchorage, 1977; HUSBAND: Gregory Lane; CHILDREN: Arianne

EICHER, GREGORY LANE Kansas West
Kansas West Conference; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; EDUCATION: Kansas State University, 1970; Iliff School of Theology, 1977; APPOINTMENTS: To attend school, 1975; Intern Year, Twin Valley Parish; Alaska Missionary Conference, Chugiak, 1977; WIFE: Barbara Scott; CHILDREN: Arianne

FISON, DAVID KONRAD Northern Illinois
Rock River Conference; On trial, 1954, D, 1954; E, 1956; EDUCATION: William Jewell College, 1952; Garrett Theology Seminary, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Southwest Missouri, Bates City, 1949; Rock River, Malden, 1952; Ingelside, 1954; South Deering, 1956; Alaska Mission, Anchorage (Co-Pastor), 1960; Ketchikan, 1961; Fairbanks, 1966; St. John-Hope-Girdwood-Bayshore West, 1972; St. John-Hope-Bayshore West, 1975; St. John-Bayshore West, 1976; St. John, 1977; WIFE: Aleen; CHILDREN: Susan Renee, Deborah Ann, Paul Wesley, Jane Elizabeth, David James

GARVIN, JOHN CHARLES* Western Pennsylvania
Transfer from United Presbyterian Church to Western Pennsylvania Conference; E, 1962; EDUCATION: University of Pittsburgh, 1955; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1961; Graduate School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1970, 1972; PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Pittsburgh, Smithfield Street, (Associate), Bethany House, 1962; Pittsburgh, Church of Our Saviour, 1966; Calvary-Evergreen, 1971; Alaska Children's Services, 1975; WIFE: Audrey C.; CHILDREN: Barbara, Sally, Janice, Clark, Kenneth, David, Julianne, Lynette

HARTMAN, DONALD LEE Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh Conference; On trial, 1959, D, 1959, E, 1962; EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1958; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Kentucky, Mitchellsburg-Wesley Chapel, 1957; Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport-Christy Park, 1958; Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate), 1962; Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry, 1964; Alaska Mission, First Anchorage (Associate), 1966; Anchorage-First, (Associate) and Girdwood, 1968; Sitka, 1970; Jewel Lake-Girdwood, 1975; WIFE: Alma; CHILDREN: Karl Bradford, Jeanette Lynn, Kurt Brian, Janet Lee

HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.* Pacific and Southwest
Ohio Conference; On trial, 1961; Full Connection, 1963; D, 1961; E, 1963; EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati, 1960; Methodist Theological School, Ohio, 1963; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio, Newark First (Assistant), 1960; Trinity, Columbus (Assistant), 1961; Alaska Mission, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, 1963; Director of the Program Council, 1969; Nome, 1971; Southern California-Arizona Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, First (Associate), 1973; Director of Development, Alaska Children's Services, 1974; Associate Director, 1976; WIFE: Lydia Lou; CHILDREN: Thomas Campbell, Robert Kim, Kenneth Richard

HOLWAY, DENNIS BOYDEN Pacific and Southwest
Southern California-Arizona Conference; On trial, 1968; D, 1968; E, 1974; EDUCATION: California Western University, 1967; Boston University School of Theology, 1970; APPOINTMENTS: Minister of Youth, Glendale First, 1970; Associate Pastor, Mesa Verde, Costa Mesa, 1975; Alaska Missionary Conference, Soldotna, 1977; WIFE: Susan Joy; CHILDREN: Todd Edward

JEWELL, PAUL O. Oregon-Idaho
Rock River Conference; On trial, 1954; D, 1954; E, 1958; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1953; Garrett Biblical Institute, 1957, New College, University of Edinburgh, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Lents, 1957; Metzger, 1962; La Grande, 1968; Alas-

ka Missionary Conference, Fairbanks First, 1977; WIFE: Elois Arden; CHILDREN: Coralie Arden, David Paul, Joy Marie, Scott Roseberry

KLAVER, CLAUDE EUGENE Presbytery of Madison, UPCUSA
Member Presbytery of Yukon, Synod of Alaska-Northwest, United Presbyterian Church, USA; Ordained, 1953, in the Presbytery of Waukon; EDUCATION: University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, 1953; Summer work at Iowa State College and Wheaton College; APPOINTMENTS: Linn Grove, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, 1951; Salem-Hope, Pershing, Missouri, 1953; Yakutat, Alaska, 1954; Mobile Missionary Pastor, Southcentral Alaska and Wasilla, 1958; First Presbyterian Church and Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Pardeeville, Wisconsin, 1965, First United Presbyterian Church, Pi-per City, Illinois, 1974; New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian Church, North Pole, Alaska, 1977; WIFE: Joan; CHILDREN: Kathleen Ellen, Rachel Irene, Timothy Lee, Claudia Sue

KNIGHT, ARTHUR P. Oregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1974; D, 1974; E, 1978; EDUCATION: University of Puget Sound, 1949; Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: East Ohio Conference, Fresno, 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference, Kenai Church of the New Covenant, 1976; WIFE: Luvinia Dean; CHILDREN: Susan Holstein, George E.

LUGINBILL, BETTY NOBLE Oregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho; On trial, D, 1978; EDUCATION: University of Wisconsin, 1947; Purdue University, 1949; Maryland University; Montana State; American University; Benton Community College; Wesley Seminary; Scarritt College for Christian Education, M.A., 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Director of Christian Education, St. Marks, Tucson, Arizona, 1976; Campus Minister, University of Oregon, Eugene, 1978; First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks, 1978; HUSBAND: Widowed; CHILDREN: Michael, Stephen, Pamela, James

McNABB, ROBERT H. Oregon-Idaho
Upper Iowa; On trial, 1944; EDUCATION: Iowa Business College, 1937; Iowa State Teacher College, 1942; Cornell College of Iowa, 1943; Boston University School of Theology, 1946; Boston University Graduate School, 1947; APPOINTMENTS: Iowa Greeley-Onedia, 1947; Missionary to Hawaii, 1949; Oregon, Fossil, 1955; Molalla 1958; University Park-Portland, 1963; Coquille, 1967; Hermiston, 1970; Alaska Missionary Conference, Douglas, 1974; WIFE: Doris Jean; CHILDREN: Daniel L., Allen O., Robert Roy, Gail Wing, Marjori-Jean

NELSON, ROBERT WILLIAM* Southern California-Arizona
Southern California-Arizona; On trial, 1962; D, 1962; E, 1965; EDUCATION: El Camino College, 1956; University of California at Los Angeles, 1961; Claremont School of Theology, 1965; APPOINTMENTS: Southern California-Arizona Conference, Vermont Square, Los Angeles, 1962; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1965; Fairbanks First (Associate) and Director of Wesley Foundation, 1969; Director of United Campus Ministry-Fairbanks, 1970; Wesley Foundation, UCLA, 1974; Director, Center for Children and Parents, Alaska Children's Services, 1975; WIFE: Norma; CHILDREN: Erik Tighe, Lynette Susan

OLDS, GLENN A. Oregon-Idaho
Oregon Conference; On trial, 1943; Full Membership, 1945; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1942; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1945; Northwestern University, 1945; Yale University, 1948; APPOINTMENTS: Professor, Garrett Biblical Institute,

1948; Chaplain, Denver University, 1951; Cornell University; 1954; Springfield College, 1960; State University of New York, 1966; Dean of International Studies and World Affairs, Planting Fields, Oyster Bay, N.Y., 1968; United States Mission to the United Nations, 1969; Sabbatical, 1971; President, Kent State University, 1972; President, Alaska Methodist University, 1977; WIFE: Eva Belle; CHILDREN: Linda E. and G. Richard

ROACH, REVELLE ELWOOD Oregon-Idaho Disciples Church, 1938; West Oklahoma; On trial, 1942; Pacific Northwest, E, 1949; EDUCATION: Phillips University; University of Washington; Perkins School of Theology; University of Puget Sound; APPOINTMENTS: Redmond, 1944; Waitsburg, 1949; Manson, 1952; Oregon Conference, The Dalles, 1955; Alaska Mission, Homer, 1958; Oregon-Idaho Conference, Toledo-Siletz, 1961, Dallas, 1968; Alaska Missionary Conference, Seward-Moose Pass, 1976; WIFE: Estelle; CHILDREN: Marvelene Lorraine, Patricia Evalyn, Gaynelle, Soon Ja, Thomas Lee, Paul Revelle

ROBISON, ROGER D. Yellowstone Ohio Conference; On trial, 1943; Full Member, 1945; EDUCATION: Dartmouth College, 1942; Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, 1945; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio Conference, Weston, 1945; Montana Conference, now Yellowstone, 1947; Corvallis, 1951; Benton, 1961; Great Falls-Christ Church; District Superintendent, 1957; 61, 66-72; Butte United Methodist Parish, co-pastor, 1972; Alaska Missionary Conference, Sitka, 1975; East Anchorage, 1978; WIFE: Olive; CHILDREN: David, Helen, James, Thomas, Philip

SHAFFER, JOHN JAY Central Illinois Central Illinois Conference; On trial, 1960; D, 1960; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Illinois Wesleyan University, 1959; Garrett Evangelical Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Central Illinois Conference, Wapella, 1958; Danville, St. James (Associate), 1959; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1962; Chugiak, 1965; Juneau, 1969; Juneau-Douglas, 1970; Nome, Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish, 1976; WIFE: Barbara

STANTON, EDMUND BRADLEY Oregon-Idaho Conference Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1950; D, 1952; E, 1955; EDUCATION: University of Puget Sound, 1950; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary (B.D.), 1953; Updated to M. Div., 1972; APPOINTMENTS: Chiloquin, Oregon, 1953; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1956; Metlakatla, 1961; Oregon-Idaho Conference, American Falls, 1962; Caldwell, 1965; Gooding, 1968; Boise-Whitney, 1971, Alaska Missionary Conference, Superintendent, 1971; WIFE: Blythe C.; CHILDREN: Wesley Edmund, Judith Lynn, Janet Kay

TINDELL, JOHN RAYMOND Florida Florida Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1963; EDUCATION: Florida Southern College, 1958; Candler School of Theology, 1961; Student University of Edinburgh, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Florida Conference, Mirimar, 1961; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1965; East Anchorage, 1970; Juneau-Northern Light United Church (Oct. 7.), 1974; WIFE: Beryl; CHILDREN: Raymond Sidney, Cynthia Adair

TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE Detroit Detroit Conference; On trial, 1965; D, 1965; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Adrian College, 1964; Perkins School of Theology, 1968; APPOINTMENTS: Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University (Associate), 1967; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1968; Nome Community Center, Inc., Director, 1970; Nome Church, Director of Community Center, 1973; Turnagain, 1974; WIFE: Danita; CHILDREN: David William

VOSTRY, ROBERT MELVIN Detroit
Detroit Conference; On trial, 1973; D, 1973; EDUCATION: Central Michigan University, Asbury Theological Seminary, 1977; APPOINTMENTS: Alaska Missionary Conference, Chaplain, Trans-Alaska Pipeline, 8/1/75; Worker Priest, North Star, 1977; North Star, 9/1/78

WISE, KEITH BURNELL Southern New Jersey
East Pennsylvania Conference (EUB); On trial, 1962; E, 1964; EDUCATION: Lebanon Valley College, 1961; United Theological Seminary, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Student pastor, Bellegrove, Pa., 1960; Youth Director, Santa Clara Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio, 1961; Wiconisco-Loyalton, 1964, Clarksboro, 1968; Clarksboro, Southern New Jersey Conference, Jan. 1, 1969; Alaska Missionary Conference, Homer Parish, 1972; WIFE: Patricia; CHILDREN: Kathleen, Michael, Matthew, Kristin

YOUNG, CHARLES LESLIE* Northern Illinois
Northern Illinois/Alaska Missionary Conference-Special Appointment Class II; On trial, 1962; D, 1962; E, 1966; EDUCATION: Ohio Wesleyan University, 1961; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1966; APPOINTMENTS: Grace, Lake Bluff (Associate), 1962; Harlem, Rockford, Ill., 1966; Director of Genesis House Community Center, 1969; North Boone Parish, 1973; United Campus Ministry, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1978; WIFE: Gerry Arleta; CHILDREN: Julie Ann, Allison Anne, Christopher George

Diaconal Minister

RINGENBURG, PRISCILLA West Ohio
Commissioned Deaconess, West Ohio Conference, 1975; Diaconal Minister, 1978; APPOINTMENTS: Methodist Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, 1975; Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome, September, 1976, Norton Sound Regional Hospital, 1977

*Indicates special appointments in Alaska by another bishop.

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